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Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

5/10/56 After a few moments of silent worship the Meeting for Business was opened. The minutes of the last Meeting were approved with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was distributed in mimeographed form. A copy is filed with the minutes. Friends were urged to make known their intended contributions.

Ministry and Counsel reported that Juan Roma-Perella has asked for transfer of membership to Middletown Meeting. This was approved.

Nominating Committee reported that since Erica Luitweiler is moving to Pennsylvania, a new chairman for First Day School is needed. They proposed Ralph Williams as chairman and Mary Jane Carpenter as superintendent.

First Day School Committee presented a report of their work in the past year and a report of recommendations for the coming year. These are filed with the minutes. The Meeting approved the proposal that classes be held at the same time as Meeting for Worship (11-12 A.M.) and that they be preceded by a half-hour of singing (from 10:30-11.) They also approved the suggestion that supervision of children during the discussion period (10-11) be no longer the responsibility of First Day School but be arranged by the parents. The need for screens to separate the classes in the large rooms, and for small card tables was referred to the Management Committee to get what they deem advisable. It was suggested that the need for additional funds for books for the classes be referred to the Library Committee.

Ellen Paullin reported that the older girls who did baby-sitting during Meeting for Worship this year will use some of the money earned in a recreational get-together on May 30th. They will have about $25 left for contribution to some suitable cause. She reported also that closing exercises will be held 6-10-56 with singing and presentation of Bibles.

Tom Bodine reported on the Quarterly Meeting. The question of affiliation with Friends General Conference was favorably received and it was suggested that it be presented to New England Yearly Meeting to learn whether the Yearly Meeting is ready to affiliate. Quarterly Meeting approved assessment of each Monthly Meeting at 10¢ per member to meet administrative expenses of the Quarterly Meeting. This was approved with the suggestion that the money be taken from the Meeting's miscellaneous fund and forwarded to the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting.

Management Committee reported the need for volunteers to help on Spring Cleaning jobs such as spreading lime and fertilizer, painting and putting up screens on May 12th and May 19th.

Sewing Committee reported "lots of work to clean up before the summer" in their meetings on May 15th and 29th.

Concern was expressed that the facing benches be used in the Meeting for Worship and also the front benches.

We were reminded of New England Yearly Meeting to be held June 19th to 24th. This year they will celebrate the Landing of the Quakers in America with a Quakerama on the Saturday night. Individuals were urged to contribute to the equalization fund.

Ellen Paullin was approved by the Meeting as alternate to the Friends General Conference since Tom Bodine will not be free to represent us at that time.

The Committee for Avon Institute asked to be informed of any family interested in attending who need help in meeting the cost.

The Clerk was asked to write Thomas Harvey a note of sympathy concerning his wife's illness and a letter to Frederick Hung who has been appointed to a teaching position in Japan.

The Clerk reported that she had attended the session of the State Legislative Council and registered Friends in favor of a

Tom Bodine asked what the Meeting wished to do this year to participate in the U. N. program of Friends. It was suggested that curtains were needed at a cost of $50. The Meeting referred this to the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns.

Program Committee reported that on May 24th a parlor games party would be held at the Cleppers under the direction of Ellen Paullin.

The Committee appointed to visit with Faith Martin and Thomas Browne concerning their proposed marriage reported that there was no obstruction to the marriage. A committee for the care of the marriage was appointed and approved by the Meeting: Thomas Bodine, Paul Cleaver, Francis Helfrick, Sylvia Helfrick, Hannah Cleaver, Margaret Morrison and Virginia Costales.

After a brief silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

6/14/56 The Meeting was opened by a reading of the query on Christian Fellowship followed by a few moments of meditation. The minutes were then read and approved as corrected.

Ministry and Counsel reported that they recommended for membership Paul Abrams and Timothy Cheney and for associate membership, Sally Cheney. The Meeti approved the report of Ministry and Counsel. They also reported that Cornelius Kruse has transferred his membership to Middletown Meeting and that Richmond Greene asked that his name be removed from our membership list as he had just been ordained as a Congregational minister and planned to join the Wider Quaker Fellowship. This report also was approved. Marguerite Marsh offered to make the welcoming visit to Paul Abrams and to take some other Friend with her. The Clepper family will visit to welcome the Cheneys.

The Treasurer reported that the contributions are falling behind schedule about $400, to date.

Glenn Roberts spoke for the Committee to study a scholarship grant to the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School. The Meeting approved the suggestion that Nominating Committee name a committee of three who should be given responsibility to choose a nominee for a scholarship, and that money be made available for a full or part scholarship for a year. It was agreed that the Nursery School must be free to accept or reject our nominations for scholarships accordi to its own rules.

Management Committee reported that fence painting is needed and asked for volunteers.

It was reported that Tom Bodine will be representative from our Quarterly Meeting to New England Yearly Meeting. Also, that our usual Family Day Picnic will be planned for the early fall. Marion and Clarence Jessel reported a happy welcoming visit to Carol Murphy.

Fritz Semmler made the annual report for Adult Education Committee. The discussion group had an average attendance of 15. Help in sharing the leading of discussion was appreciated. Throughout most of the year the group studied the Acts of the Apostles emphasizing the origin and development of the early Christian religion and its spread in Asia Minor. Four meetings were devoted to the modern concept of parent-child relationships and its effect on the idea of God. The last two meetings were devoted to a brief study of the Service Committee pamphlet on "Speak Truth to Power", with plans to study this in more detail in the fall. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the fine work done in these discussion groups.

At the request of the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns Tom Bodine spoke on the progress made with their project for finding housing opportunities for negro families. He had gone to Philadelphia to talk with American Friends Service Committee on their plans for an 18 month survey. It was decided that sufficient information about the local situation was available to make the preliminary survey unnecessary. The first six months of the project will be devoted to exploration of negro families who have moved into white neighborhoods and how it has worked. Seventeen such families are already known. Means of financing will also be explored, one bank having already offered to help. The second six months will be devoted to helping interested families find opportunities to locate in "white" neighborhoods.

A budget of $6300 will be needed for the first 12 months of the program. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee will put up $750 from their own funds and raise $200 more. Also, $800 more has been promised and it is hoped that the Emsworth Foundation will also contribute. The Committee hopes to raise the total budget by fall. The Meeting approved the use of Peace and Social Concerns funds in this way. It was agreed that we might wish to reconsider at a later time whether moneys returned to the Committee from their loan fund should be held by the Committee or returned to the General Fund of the Meeting. It was suggested that an advisory committee for the project be formed in the community at large.

The Meeting joined in support of the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns in this project, and approval was expressed for this Friendly approach to the problem of discrimination in housing for negroes in our community.

After a few moments of silence the Meeting was closed.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

9/13/56 After reading of a query and a few moments of silent worship, the Meeting for Business was opened. In the absence of the Clerk, Francis Helfrick was named by the Meeting as Clerk for the Day.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Nominating Committee asked that Friends return promptly the postcards sent out asking that they designate the committees on which they prefer to serve on next year. The Committee also asked that the Meeting confirm the appointment of James Reik and Jeanne Clepper who served on a summer interim committee for a scholarship to be given to a Nursery School pupil, and that they be asked to continue until Jan. 1, 1957. The Meeting approved.

The Scholarship Committee reported that a scholarship was given for one child in a Friend's family.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel reported that Frances Zane and Thomas Whitworth are recovering after recent hospitalizations. They further reported that Frances Harvey, wife of our Friend, Thomas Harvey. died 9/7/56 and that a memorial service would be held 9/21/56 at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. The Meeting asked that our sympathy be expressed to Thomas Harvey by a note from the Clerk if this was not already done.

The Treasurer presented a report for the past four months, filed with the minutes. The Treasurer was asked to clear that the $10 contributed by the First Day School was properly credited to the African Student Fund. The Meeting urged that appreciation be expressed to Bette Spencer for her work as assistant to the Treasurer.

Management Committee reported considerable fence painting done this summer, and more volunteers needed this fall to complete the painting on the fence and on the outside of the building. A first-aid kit will be placed in the kitchen on a special labeled shelf.

Adult Discussion Group will be from 10 to 11 A.M. as usual beginning the firs Sunday in October. We were reminded of the change in hours in First Day School to 11 to 12, preceded by hymn-singing from 10:30 to 10:50. Friends were urged to bring their children to Family Sunday. the last Sunday in each month, and those breaking Meeting on that day were encouraged to make it a shortened Meeting.

Announcements: The Purdys have a new grandson, David Atkinson Purdy, son of Donald and Jane Purdy. Kenneth Ward Spencer arrived 8/1/56 to join the family of Arthur and Bette Spencer, having been born 6/30/56 in Japan. Dr. Harry Morse and Mary Morse of Mountain Road have a new son, their fifth child. A number of Friends' families have moved here and the Meeting requested that their names and addresses be posted in the Bulletin. Timothy Cheney gave a report on the Avon Institute.

Committee on Peace and Social Concerns reported that a statement on the purposes and procedures of the housing opportunities project is being drawn up and wi be shown to those asked to serve on the advisory committee. They are beginning "gentle solicitation" of funds without publicity. $150 has been contributed so far by members of the Meeting.

Program Committee reported that Bernard Clausen will speak 9/27 on religious education.

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

Francis Helfrick

Francis Helfrick, Clerk for the Day

11/8/56 The Meeting was opened with a few moments of silence. The minutes were read and approved.

Paul Cleaver gave a report for the Finance Committee. The budget is based on contributions from members and attenders totaling $4720. Up to October 31st, $3194 was contributed, leaving $1526 still needed. The Building Fund is still short $330, $527 having been contributed and $143 allotted from special funds. The Committee asked approval for sending a letter to all members and attenders advising each person of the amount received from him so far this year toward the general fund and the building fund. This was approved by the Meeting. It was agreed that the money appropriated or raised by the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns for its Housing Opportunities Project should be kept in a separate fund. There was some discussion of non-contributing members. The Finance Committee estimates that the Meeting must bear a minimum cost of $10 per member based on the per capita assessment for Yearly Meeting and the costs of our Bulletin. Alexander Purdy wondered if the matter of financial contribution had been adequately handled in the discussion with persons applying for membership. Others spoke to the point that Friends should be encouraged to make a token contribution when not financially able to bear a larger share. The Meeting approved the Finance Committee's plan to make a personal contact by letter or telephone where the first letter does not bring a response.

Ministry and Counsel reported that Harold and Ethel Collins have joined the Episcopal Church in Kent, Ohio, since there is no Quaker Meeting near them. Frederick Hung has united with his family in the Tokyo Friends Meeting and has transferred his membership there.

Management Committee gave a brief report. Problems of ventilating the Meeting room were discussed and referred to the Management Committee and the ushers for action.

Sewing Committee reported a large contribution of mittens by the Grange.

Mabel Bailey reported that she attended the Meeting of United Friends Women at Wilmington, Ohio, and also that the United Church Women joined in plans for World Community Day and are preparing plans for the World Day of Prayer.

It was announced that the Conn. Council of Churches is beginning a series of radio programs on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

The request of Five Years Meeting for a special contribution at Thanksgiving brought approval from the Meeting. A contribution to New England Yearly Meeting to help meet the deficit of the China, Me. Camp was also approved. The Meeting agreed that we should send a Christmas gift of $5 to Graham Leonard at Ramallah. Marguerite Marsh offered to forward to him any contributions individual Friends wished to make to further his literacy work. There was some discussion of an informal suggestion from Friends General Conference that our Meeting might make them a larger contribution. Since we could not unite on this it was agreed to leave it for the present.

A brief report was given of the Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting referred to Ministry and Counsel the suggestion that the next Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford be planned as a family meeting with some program involving younger Friends being substituted for the usual afternoon talk or discussion.

It was decided to postpone discussion of plans for a Junior Monthly Meeting until this could be presented to our older First Day School pupils.

Alexandra Wehle reported that she represented us at a meeting held 10/26/56 on the Needs of the Older Population in West Hartford and that this meeting arranged that David King was authorized to form a committee to work in this area.

After a few moments of silence, the Meeting was closed.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

12-14-56 The Meeting was opened after a brief silence. The Minutes of the previo Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported that contributions were coming in well and if pledges were met, we would probably meet our goal of the year.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel approved the request of Caroline B. Scott for membership and the request of Leon Yager for affiliated membership and of his two children, Maile Jean Yager and Jon Yager, for associated membership in our Meeting. The Meeting warmly welcomed these new members and appointed the Spence to visit Caroline Scott and Virginia Costales and Edith Clapp to visit the Yagers.

The Program Committee was congratulated on bringing Leonard Kenworthy t talk to us. They have been asked to set up the program for the Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford on February 3rd. Now that more meetings have joined our Quarterly Meeting, it has become increasingly important to plan for the full year and announce the plans in the Yearly Meeting Bulletin. Therefore an Improvement and Coordinating Committee for the Quarterly Meeting will be appointed.

The Sewing Committee reported that they have received several large contributions in materials or garments or in cash to help meet the transportation costs. The group of Friends at Storrs has made very welcome gifts of fully processe clothing.

The Management Committee reported the installation of a new switch which makes it possible to operate the blower in the Meeting room at any time fresh air is desired: also, that Ethel Halford has agreed that her telephone number may now be listed as the alternate to the Meeting House number to answer inquiries.

The Investment Committee suggested that the investment funds of our Meeting be placed in charge of the New England Yearly Meeting Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds. They would be held for the benefit of this Meeting subject to call, with income to be paid to our Treasurer for appropriate use. This was approved by the Meeting.

The Library Committee reported that amny books have been donated. They were happy to find among some old books a second edition of "Leaves of Grass". This was evaluated by an expert and sold for $50. From the book sale at the Meeting on December 7, $18.50 was realized. The Meeting agreed that these funds raised by efforts of the Library Committee should remain with them as a reserve fund, and also approved the expenditure of $16.16 to pay the American Friends Service Committee for books and pamphlets.

The Meeting wished to share in celebrating the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Thomas and Mrs. Whitworth and approved the suggestion that they be especially invited to the Sunday luncheon on December 23rd. It was also approved th we renew our concern for our Friend, Mrs. Whitworth and plan to share the responsibi for visiting her.

It was brought to our attention that the pay given by our Meeting to Robert Kearney, our janitor, is not equivalent to his earnings on his other job. The Meeting approved raising our rate to $1.80 an hour and expressed appreciation of his thoughtful and conscientious service.

Concern was expressed that our meetings for worship have not been prompt in beginning at 11 o'clock. It was agreed that the discussion group and the singing group will need to break up ten minutes before the hour to facilitate the gathering for worship. Friends are encouraged to come on time.

A problem around printing and mailing of our bulletin and other notices has arisen as Carol DeCou Howard is going out of business. The Bulletin Committee was asked to study alternate ways of doing this work and report at a later meeting. The Meeting expressed a desire to express our thanks to Carol for her many services by a gift when she leaves.

The Meeting expressed its gratitude to Lois Williams for the new membership and attenders list which she compiled.

Marguerite Marsh announced that Christmas gifts to Graham Leonard have made it possible to deposit $50 to his account.

Alexandra Wehle reported on her continued participation in meetings of the Council on Needs of the Older Population of West Hartford. Officers have been elected and the January meeting will consider ways in which the community can serve the older population.

Mabel Bailey urged attendance at Meetings of the Conn. Council of Church Women and said that dates of important meetings will be on the bulletin board.

Margaret Morrison reported that she had received a letter from the Governor's Traffic Safety Commission encouraging church participation in promoting safety. The clerk was asked to send a suitable reply.

After a few moments of silence the Meeting was closed.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

1-10-57 After a brief period of silent worship the meeting was opened with the reading of the minutes which were approved as corrected.

Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership Robert Knapp Mooney and Barbara Connell Mooney and for associate membership their children, Edward Chadwick Mooney, Christopher Gulick Mooney, Francia Knapp Mooney and Cameron Hollister Mooney.

Sewing Committee presented their annual report which is filed with the minutes. So also did Maintenance Committee, Use Committee, Ushers, Hospitality, Library Committee and the Committee for the Membership List. Mabel Bailey read her report as Representative to the Church Women. Ralph Williams reported as our representative on the Greater Hartford Council of Churches.

Discussion followed on several concerns. Various possible long-term plans for the use of Meeting property, specifically the "Roberts" house were suggested so Friends might think about them before decisions need to be reached. Questions as to whether Family Sunday is working satisfactorily were raised: Is the coming and going too disturbing; are the children getting something from it: is it confusing t unfamiliar attenders? Decisions as to how Family Sunday should be arranged were referred to First Day School Committee with consideration of the opinions and suggestions discussed. The Meeting specifically approved the suggestion that on those days a placard of brief explanation be displayed for the benefit of strangers who may attend.

The A.F.S.C. had enquired whether Hartford Meeting could take some responsibi ity in its plan to bring Hungarian refugees to this country (60 nation-wide). Some interest was expressed. We were asked to search ourselves as to how much responsib ity we had taken personally for our last refugee, with the thought we should not undertake more than can be carried through. Since housing is the greatest problem in this area, serious offers should be referred to the Committee on Peace and Socia Concerns. A check sent for such work was also referred to them for decision as to whether it should be kept for a local Hungarian project or sent to A.F.S. C.

Finance Committee reported that in 1956 the budget for the General Fund was met, and our yearly contribution to the Building Fund fell short by only $81. Full report will be made in February. Committee heads were asked to make up budgets and get them in by 2-1-57.

The Nominating Committee presented their recommendations for Committees and officers. Their recommendations were approved by the Meeting and a copy of the lis will be filed. The Meeting named as our new Nominating Committee: Margaret Morriso 1 year term as chairman, Virginia Costales to continue for two years, Theodore Paullin for three years.

Appreciation was expressed for the devoted work of Margaret Morrison as Clerk. She thanked the Meeting for the joy of the work.

We were reminded of the holding of Quarterly Meeting at Hartford 2-3-57. After a brief silence the Meeting was closed.

Margaret Morrison, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

2-14-57 After a few moments of silent worship the Meeting for business was opened, 24 attending.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. The Clerk spoke briefly as to the duties he and the Associate Clerk will carry and how their work will be divided.

Ralph Williams, chairman of the First Day School Committee, submitte a list of suggestions, for the improvement of the regular Family Day worship service with the hope that,/observed, some confusion would be eliminated. It was agreed to have the suggestions printed in the Bulletin.

Ministry and Counsel, Patricia Ritter reporting, stated that Paul and Elsa Cullen have been called upon and are recommended for membership. Edith Clapp and Virginia Costales will visit them and their three children. Also, a request to be received into membership has been received from Lester and Jill Smith for admitting as associate members their children, Christopher, Stephen and Deborah izabeth Butterworth and Edith Clark have called upon this family. Timothy Cheney d Ellen Paullin visited the Mooney family to welcome them into membership, and the mily of Dr. Harvey Morse has been visited by Katherine Locke and Mabel Bailey.

Concern was expressed as how to give new members further understanding as to the liefs and activities of Friends and it was revealed that there had been some misderstanding about the privilege granted Ministry and Counsel by the Meeting to give ch new family or member a copy of the Discipline and a year's subscription to one the Quaker publications. In the future, this procedure will be followed and e Committee may want to do the same for members who have recently joined the Meeting.

Patricia Ritter read the report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting, as pared by Ministry and Counsel, and it was considered to have such weight that it s referred to the Bulletin Committee, so that it might be generally shared, to be inted, if necessary, in an appendage to the next issue.

Clarence Jessel, Treasurer, stated that he had no formal report, but bills had en paid and there is a substantial balance on hand.

Marguerite Marsh stated that A. Douglas Dodge of Farmington had sent a check of 00 to help Hungarian refugees and that she had acknowledged this gift. It was reed to forward this check to the Special Committee of the American Friends Service ich is engaged in helping Hungarians who have escaped to Austria and not to hold it r the assistance of any refugee family the Meeting may eventually be priveleged to locate in our community.

Paul Cleaver, head of Finance Committee, submitted the Financial Report for the ar 1-10-56 to 12-31-56 and the proposed budget for 1957, and decision was made on e following items:

It was agreed to transfer $1000 from the Building Fund to the Meeting House nking Fund.

It was recommended that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee appoint one of s members to be jointly responsible with the Treasurer for the fund of about $1000 w earmarked "Housing Opportunities" and that this sum be transferred to a separate vings Account. Hopefully, the Meeting and other community agencies will join in creasing this sum to $6,000 which is considered the amount needed to finance an month project to help those now discriminated against in the field of housing.

It was agreed that the work of the Meeting as it is related to any program to lp older people is from now on a function of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee d that this Committee is to have jurisdiction over the $50 now earmarked for lder People".

It was agreed that the Scholarship Committee will carry the responsibility for e Young People's Fund along with the Nursery School scholarship.

The proposed budget was temporarily accepted and it was agreed to let it stand r a month or two until other concerns needing support may be considered carefully.

Jeanne Clepper of the Scholarship Committee had no report.

Alice Jorgensen, the Recorder, made her annual report which is attached to the nutes.

The Clerk read a minute prepared for Thomas R. Bodine to take with him when he sits meetings in England and France during May and June. The Minute will go to e Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting.

Peace and Social Concerns, Arthur Spencer reporting, stated that Alice Cheney is attending the U. N. Afro-Asian Conference at Quaker House.

Management Committee had no report.

Katherine Locke, chairman of Sewing Committee stated that the group of workers averages 14. She appealed for clothing donations.

Alice Fox, Hospitality Committee, wished the Meeting to express warm appreciation of the service given by Harold Clapp who has made compartments in the kitchen cabinet drawers thus adding to their convenience.

Several other reports were held over the next meeting. Supper preceded this business meeting and at that time a gift was presented to Marguerite Marsh on the occasion of her departure on a trip to Central America. With the gift went warm expression of her devoted service to the Meeting. After a few moments of silent prayer, the Meeting adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

3-14-57 The Meeting for Business, attended by 18, began with a brief period of silent worship. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected.

Ministry and Counsel reported that ten area parties for members and attenders have been initiated.

The Treasurer reported that the balance on hand as of December 31, 1956 was $2,894.07 $934.63 has been received since January 1, 1957 making a total on hand of $3,828.70. Disbursements to date are $853.70. Balance on hand as of March 5 is $2,975.00. From 13 returns from members, $1,252 is promised to the General Fund and $278 to the Building Fund.

Discussion of the budget, led by Paul Cleaver, Finance Chairman, ended in the adoption of the budget without change, the Meeting agreeing to pay to Quarterly Meeting the sum of 10¢ a member, retroactive to January 1, 1956; to pay $6 a member to New England Yearly Meeting; to allocate the sum of $50 to the Young People's Fund as it was felt that this is all the budget can carry at present and the need for a larger amount for this item should be further explored. A copy of the budget will be sent to members.

Ralph Williams, First Day School Committee, asked that the Meeting designate a regular time for Family Sunday as some confusion has arisen as to whether it should be held on the fourth Sunday of the month of the last Sunday of the month. The last Sunday of the month was decided upon.

Mabel Bailey, Associate Clerk, reported that she has attended sever committee meetings, replied to all communications received and taken calls listing the sick.

John Stamm, speaking for Peace and Social Concerns Committee, reported that on March 16, there would be a legislative hearing on a bill for the abolishment of capital punishment. The Meeting concurred in the hope that Moses Bailey would attend the hearing to present our Friends' testimony, giving him authority to use the eloquent statement of the London Yearly Meeting, wholely or in part. It was also agreed for our Clerk to send to local newspapers a letter expressing our conviction as a Meeting that capital punishment should be abolished.

Ellen Paullin of the Program Committee announced that Vera Brittain, English author of "Testament of Youth", who has just returned from a lecture tour in India and Pakistan, will speak at the Meeting House on March 28 at 8 p.m., a social hour following. It was agreed to continue having supper before business meetings until June and in order to increase attendance, to send out postcards announcing the dinner and also to use the front page of The Bulleting for our calendar of monthly events.

No report from Sewing Committee was submitted but the appeal for donations was repeated.

The Adult Study Group, according to Fritz Semmler, has been discussing "Speak Truth to Power" and the Book of Galatians. Attendance is small but he said discussion is lively. He asked for information on resources possibly available through Quaker organizations for a young Hungarian woman now living in Coventry. It was suggested that he write to American Friends Service Committee. Beverly Stamm asked if some hospitality might be extended to a young English exchange student, Maurine Napier who is working at Hartley Salmon Clinic. Miss Napier has visited our Meeting and has expressed the hope that she may become acquainted with some American families while living here. Margaret Morrison reported on the present condition of the Whitworths and members were reminded of their increasing need for our loving service and concern.

After a few moments of quiet worship, meeting adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

4-11-57 After a few moments of silent worship, the Meeting for Business was begun, 23 attending. Minutes were accepted as read.

Jeannette Purdy, for Ministry and Counsel, announced that four area parties had been held. The Meeting accepted into membership, upon recommendation of Ministry and Counsel, Lawrence and Catherine Parrish and their children, Susan, David and Lawrence, Jr. They have asked to be accepted on a transfer from Evanston, Ill. and are now living at Storrs where they attend the Storrs Preparative Meeting. A call of welcome was arranged to be made by Lynn Scott and Margaret Morrison and a man member of the Meeting not yet selected. Moses and Mabel Bailey applied for a Minute to take with them on a trip to the West which they plan to make during the summer months. They will be at four American Friends Service Committee Institutes, two in Kansas and two in California. Moses will be on the faculties and Mabel will assist in group work. It was warmly agreed upon for the Clerk to prepare this.

Alexandra Wehle and Paul Butterworth presented a request from the West Hartford Planned Retirement Club to meet alternate Mondays in the Meeting House and it was agreed to welcome this group and to accept their offer to contribute $5 for janitor service.

Clarence Jessell, Treasurer, reported that the balance on hand as of March 5 was $2,975 and that $854.57 had been received since March 5 making a total of $3,829.57. Disbursements to date amount to $1,260.58 leaving a balance on hand as of April 8 of $2,568.99. $2,280 has been promised for the General Fund and $78 for the Building Fund, with 29 returns. The Meeting asked that he convey our sympathy and best wishes to Marion Jessell who has had an operation.

Paul Butterworth, Management Committee, repeated the need for Saturday volunteers to work on spring chores at the Meeting House. Also, he announced that

Travellers Insurance Co. safety engineer had inspected the building recently and found nothing to warrant a recommendation of change.

A special Easter program for children and adults will begin at 10 a. m. to be followed by morning service and luncheon, Ellen Paullin announced.

It was agreed that the Clerk, Associate Clerk and First Day School Committee may use their discretion in deciding whether to make the Meeting House available for a Daily Vacation Bible School, should such a request be received during the summer. No agreement was reached on the decision to permit a ballet class to use the Activities Room next fall as more clarification on this project seemed to be needed. Elizabeth and Paul Butterworth were asked to report again, particularly as to whether the class would be an advertised, commercial venture.

Katherine Locke, chairman of Sewing Committee, asked for men and boys clothing and bedding as such donations are being stressed by American Friends Service Committee.

Margaret Morrison of Nominating Committee brought the recommendation of Robert Mooney to succeed Arthur Spencer as chairman of Peace and Social Concerns Committee and the Meeting concurred in the recommendation. This Committee sent the report that it has forwarded $25 to a racial integration project in Jacksonville, Fla.

If the need grows in the Meeting for holding another institute in the autumn, it was decided to refer the selection of a topic to Program Committee.

Theodore Paullin announced that the works of Kirkegaard will be discusse by First Day Adult Group.

Wendell Clepper, now our member on Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committe reminded the Meeting that he will rotate off this committee this year and another name should be presented for the six year tenure. Selection was referre to our Nominating Committee. It was decided that our representatives to Quarterl Meeting on April 28 should be Theodore Paullin and Edith Clapp.

Paul Butterworth asked that the Meeting authorize him to communicate with the newly appointed Hartford Hospital chaplain so that our Associate Clerk or her substitute will receive notification of any Friends who may be hospitalize

Jeanne Clepper announced that the Scholarship Committee would like the names of Friends' children, aged three and four, who may be considered for scholarships to the Nursery School.

The Meeting adjourned after a few moments of silence.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

5-9-57 The Meeting for Business began with a few moments of meditation with 22 in attendance. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Ministry and Counsel announced that three more area parties has been held. The Clerk read a minute prepared for Moses and Mabel Bailey to take with them on their summer trip and the Meeting approved of it as read.

The Meeting expressed its judgment that our Discipline permits the acceptance into associate membership the application of a child neither of whose parents is a member.

Clarence Jessell, Treasurer, reported that the balance on hand as of April 8 was $2,560.99 and that $45 .50 had been received since April 8 making a total of $3,019.49. Disbursements up to April 30 have been $167.44. Balance on hand as of April 30 is $2,852.05. With 34 returns, he reported that we have $2,686 promised to the General Fund and $448 to the Building Fund. There was no report from Finance Committee.

It was announced that Wendell Clepper and others will take a group of young Friends to New England Yearly Meeting and that young Friends and Juniors should be advised to apply immediately if they wish to take advantage of the Equalization Fund. This Fund will provide $13.25 of the cost, attenders to pay the remaining $12. The Meeting agreed to send $25 to the Equalization Fund.

Ralph Williams, First Day School Committee chairman, stressed the lack of space and crowded conditions which may make it necessary for First Day School to hold double sessions next year. The Meeting was advised to take under consideration the special needs of its young people. A committee composed of John Stamm, Francis Helfrick, Anne Bishop and Alice Cheney is now studying the need for developing a Youth Fellowship program and its report will be submitted to the Meeting by Ralph Williams. He also stated that First Day School Committee is working on improving the curriculum for next year and is also making the effort to improve the quality of Family Sunday. On the last First Day in May, there will be special exercises preceding Meeting for Worship and this service will conclude the First Day School's activities until October except for a picnic early in June.

Margaret Morrison, Program Committee, stated that Russell Brooks has been asked to talk at our first program meeting in September. Suggestion has been made to this committee to consider holding weekday study groups in the fall and the committee will present this for consideration at an open meeting, time to be announced later.

Edith Clapp stated that her report on Quarterly Meeting will appear in the Bulletin.

The Meeting approved of Mrs. Joan Morcum holding a modern dance class in the Activities Room next fall, after Paul Butterworth explained that the project was not a commercial venture but a cultural project designed for the education of the young girls whose mothers had engaged Mrs. Morcum to teach them.

The Meeting also approved Mrs. Naomi Camp's application to conduct a summer play school in the Activities Room and playground several mornings a week during the vacation period.

The wish of the West Hartford Women's Club to use the Activities Room one night each month was considered in the light of the practice of avoiding long commitments and approval was expressed of an understanding with this organization that arrangements could be made, subjec to change on due notice if that should prove desirable.

The Management Committee chairman, Paul Butterworth, reported that no volunteers had registered for spring chores at the Meeting House. John Stamm offered to work on Sunday, June 16 and the Meeting decided to announce this date in the Bulletin for a Fence Painting Party to follow midday luncheon.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Thomas Bodine reporting, announced a meeting of the Committee to be held on May 12 at the Meeting House. The Committee will again appropriate $35 for a scholarship to Avon-Pembroke Institute.

Margaret Morrison appealed to the Meeting to give an additional grant of scholarship aid for this Institute and it was agreed to appropriate up to $55. It was also agreed that the Committee might approach members and offer them this opportunity for scholarship aid as not every one will know it is available or may hesitate to apply.

Edith Clapp announced that Virginia Hicks had attended the meeting of the Friends Commission on National Legislation in Washington and could report on its work if a suitable time could be arranged. It was decided to ask her to talk after the Sunday luncheon on May 19.

The Nominating Committee stated that Edith Clapp will serve on the Quarterly Meeting nominating committee and the Meeting approved.

The Program Committee announced a musicale to be held the evening of May 23 at the home of Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth.

After a few moments of silent worship, the Meeting adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

6-13-57 The Meeting for Business was opened after a short period of silence. In the absence of the Recording Clerk a temporary recording clerk was named. The minutes were approved as read.

Management Committee was asked for a report, which was as follows:
"Robert Kearney, our zealous janitor, attended meeting at the suggestion of the Committee and its proceedings were interrupted while "Bob led the group about the building to consider work that might be done during the summer. A number of suggestions were made and graciously accepted. It appeared that "Bob" would fir his time reasonably well occupied in carrying them out during the weeks ahead.
"Paul Butterworth spoke of the paint having peeled from the sign at our roadway entrance a second time. This is said to have been caused by the cypress wood being unsatisfactory for signs. A metal sign had been proposed and the matter was left in the hands of the Committee for action."

Ministry and Counsel reported that ten area parties have been held and ten extra parties spontaneously arranged since those originally planned were so enjoyable. The Committee recommends that Homer Terwilliger be accepted as a member This was warmly approved by Friends. Gerald and Elizabeth Greene offered to make the welcoming visit. Jeannette Purdy read a letter from Charles Lampman, Jr. stati his intention to register with his draft board as a conscientious objector. The Meeting expressed approval of his position and asked the Clerk to send a letter to him expressing our support and mentioning the readiness of our Committee on Peace and Social Concerns should he desire any advice or assistance.

Fritz Semmler reported for the Adult Education Committee. They have studied three subjects in this year: AFSC pamphlet, "Speak Truth to Power", The Lett to the Galatians, and Kirkegaard's "Fear and Trembling". Special leadership was offered at appropriate times by Theodore Paullin and Alexander Purdy. Attendance suffered somewhat from the change in time of First Day School but there was always an interested group of attenders.

Margaret Morrison reported on the plans for Adult Education in the coming year. They have decided to try some additional meetings on our free Thursday evenings, this suggestion having come from the First Day School Committee. Alexander Purdy has agreed to lead the group on the first and third Thursdays in October and November. They suggest continuing study of the Letters of Paul.

They may continue with the First Day morning discussions also if there is sufficient interest for both times.

Our Treasurer, Clarence Jessell, reported that with the addition of receipts since April 30th of $991.37 to the balance of that time of $2,852.05 and with necessary expenditures, the current balance is $2,446.89. With 38 returns so far, our financial position is somewhat better than at this time last year. The Meeting approved that the Scholarship Committee should supplement the Equalization Fund to meet total costs at Yearly Meeting for one young Friend. A contribution of $10 was approved to the Meeting House Funds of Honolulu Meeting.

Hospitality Committee asked whether the Meeting favored holding a supper before Monthly Meeting in September, mentioning the small attendance at such suppers. It was agreed that such a supper meeting would not be planned for September and that future arrangements might be discussed at September Meeting for Business.

Marguerite Marsh expressed her thanks for the good work done by Paul Butterworth on the Bulletin in the absence of the editor and presented to the meeting an attractive handmade wooden tray made during her South American trip. After a brief period of worship, the Meeting was closed planning to meet again for business in September.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk pro tem.

9-12-57 After a brief period of meditation, the Meeting for Business began with a reading of the Minutes, which were approved as corrected.

Ministry and Counsel announced that Mrs. Joan Halford Gatlin of Gulfport, Fla. has joined the Methodist Church in Tallahassee and wished her name removed as an associate member. Also, Avery L. Smith of Bellows Falls, Vt., an associate member, has applied for active membership. He was accepted. Also, Jim and Erika Luetweiler have asked for their membership to be transferred to the Doylestown, Pa. Meeting.

The Clerk reported that during the summer months, Graham Leonard had written from Lebanon, announcing his intention to be married to Lily Abu-Nassar and asking for a release from our Meeting so that Friends Meeting in Brummana, Lebanon might have charge of the marriage. Since our Meeting was not in session to give approval, the Clerk stated that he had written the clerk of the Brummanna Meeting stating his belief that our Meeting would have given the release, had it been in session in time. The Clerk announced that the marriage took place on September 2 and that the Leonards have written that they hope to visit us on their way to Syracuse, N.Y. in the fall. Moses Bailey announced that he and other Friends had sent a cablegram of felicitation to Graham and his bride and other members might wish to contribute toward the cost of the message and thus share in this expression of good will.

Clarence Jessell, Treasurer, announced that as of August 31, the balance was $3,467.30 and disbursements since May 31 have amounted to $1,160.17, leaving a balance of $2,307.13. We have had 41 returns. $2,870 is promised to the General Fund and $478 to the Building Fund. As of August 31, contributions of $2,590.61 have been made to the General Fund. This is $262.15 more than last year for the eight months. Building Fund contributions of $4[illegible].50 exceed last year's by $28.50 for the same period.

Paul Cleaver, Finance Committee, stated that the Committee wished to be given authority to increase the 1957 Scholarship Fund from $200 to $255 which was agreed upon. He read an appeal, to be printed in The Bulletin for increased contributions to meet the larger budget agreed upon.

First Day School Committee chairman, Ralph Williams, asked for members to use the rear side entrance to the kitchen when bringing food for luncheon, in order to avoid disturbing First Day School classes. This was referred to the Ushering Committee. Family Sunday worship service will again be scheduled each month, he said, and the Committee requested that The Bulletin reprint the list of suggestions for improving the order of this service.

Ellen Paullin described a bulletin written by older pupils in First Day School which has been so well received that both Five Years Meeting and London Meeting have each ordered 500 copies. The Library Committee was authorized by the Meeting to order 200 copies.

Members were asked by this Committee to bring in their copies of Friends Journal so that we may keep up an exchange of publications with Friends in England.

Management Committee reported that during the summer Bob Kearney had done needed refurbishing of the Meeting House and the Committee was given authority for him to paint Activities Room doors blue. Mrs. Morcum's ballet class for some 30 girls will begin a 16 session course in this room on October 19 and will pay $10 per session for cost of light, heat and janitor service. Paul Butterworth, Chairman reported also that a new aluminum sign at the roadway would cost about $150. Clarenc Jessell and Paul Cleaver offered to investigate further with the Chairman having a sign made of masonite which would be less costly.

Paul Butterworth also reported on sickness in the family of our custodian, Mr. Kearney's mother having been hospitalized during the summer for an acute heart malady. The chairman expressed the hope that members might wish to help Bob Kearney meet some of the heavy expense he has incurred.

Adult Education Committee, headed by Margaret Morrison, will offer to friends and members the privelege of having Alexander Purdy and Moses Bailey as teachers in semi-monthly evening sessions during October, November, January and February. Alexander Purdy will lecture on the Life and Teachings of Jesus; Moses Bailey on Prophet of the Old Testament. The first of these lectures will be on October 3 at 7:45.

Selection of a representative to attend a November luncheon to be given by the Hartford Society of Leprosy Missions was delegated to Elizabeth Butterworth.

The Meeting concurred in continuing Thomas Bodine as our member on the Centra Committee of the Friends General Conference.

Robert Mooney, Chairman of Peace and Social Concerns, stated that the committ had tried to find suitable lodgings for Homer Terwilliger and is now concerned in arranging for the transportation of Joan Herman to Meeting.

Those wishing to schedule meetings at our Meeting House were reminded to consult first with Ethel Halford of the Use Committee.

The Workers Conference of the New York and New England Yearly Meetings has expressed the wish to hold a week-end meeting in our Meeting House, according to Mar Jessell. This was referred to Hospitality Committee.

The Meeting concurred in approving Wendell Clepper as our representative to the Hartford Council of Churches. Since the departure of Theodore Paullin leaves a vacancy on the Nominating Committee, Margaret Morrison asked for nominations but this vacancy was held open.

Sewing Committee will meet again on October 8, according to the Chairman, Katharine Locke. She stated that eight bags of clothing had been sent to Philadelphia during the summer although the group did not meet. Donations of yarn, warm clothing, bedding and flat-heeled shoes were requested.

Thomas Bodine and Alexander Purdy both presented the matter of Friends General Conference joining the National Council of Churches.

Luncheon on September 17 will be especially designated as a farewell party for Ellen, Karen and Marcia Paullin, Mabel Bailey announced. Good wishes to all the Paullins were generally voiced and regret at their departure.

Fritz Semmler, Chairman of Program Committee, announced that on the evening of September 29 we would be visited by Levinus K. Painter, a Quaker visitor to Africa who will talk on his experiences there.

Following a quiet period, the Meeting which was attended by 36, adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

10-10-57 Meeting for Business began with period of quiet worship, 27 attending. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Ministry and Counsel, Jeannette Purdy reporting, announced that Garnette T. Johnson had applied for membership. She was accepted, Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth being appointed to call upon her. Transferring from the California Monthly Meeting are John and Beverly Stam and their children, Elizabeth Jean, Michael John and Eric Gregory, associate members. A welcome call will be made by Alice Jorgensen and Lynn Scott. The application to be received into active membership by Alcott Smith of Bellows Falls, Vt., who is now an associate member, was approved. William John Halford, son of Ethel and George Halford, was accepted as an associate member.

In the absence of Clarence Jessell, Treasurer, there was no financial report. He is now recovering from an injury and the Meeting directed the Clerk to write to him expressing our concern and sympathy.

Ralph Williams, Chairman of First Day School Committee, discussed the possibility of the Meeting giving some financial assistance to members of our teaching staff toward the expense of attending the Woolman Hill Conference, entitled, "Responsibility of Meetings Today and Tomorrow", to be held November 15-17. It was agreed that we would contribute toward such expense, the First Day School Committee being directed to apply to Scholarship Committee. Enrollment in First Day School has increased by ten over last year, 46 having attended the first session.

About 60 persons attended the first lecture given by Alexander Purdy, the Clerk announced.

Elizabeth Butterworth reported on Quarterly Meeting held at Woodstock, Vt.

It was agreed that John Stam would finish the uncompleted term on the Nominating Committee, vacated by Theodore Paullin.

Katharine Locke, Chairman of Sewing Committee, was not present and Mabel Bailey and Elizabeth Butterworth took the opportunity of reporting how she had worked single-handed during the summer, and long hours since then, to forward donations to Philadelphia . Members were asked to donate any blankets they can spare.

It was again announced that anyone wishing to schedule a gathering in the Meeting House should first consult with Ethel Halford of the Use Committee.

A handsome sign for the roadway was brought in by Paul Butterworth, Management Committee. He said it was made of masonite and redwood, had cost less than one of aluminum, originally considered. He again presented the plight of Bob Kearney, our custodian, whose mother's illness during the summer has put Bob into debt. It was agreed that the Meeting as a whole would present him with $100.00, contributions of individual members to be added to this amount.

Two gatherings for foreign students were announced, one on October 19 at South Church sponsored by the Women's Service Bureau and the United Churchwomen and one on October 25 in New Haven, sponsored by the Connecticut Council of Churches.

The Meeting was priveleged to have as its guest, Henry Cadbury, Chairman of American Friends Service Committee who spoke briefly on work of the Committee.

A period of quiet worship preceded adjournment.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

11-14-57 The Meeting for Business opened with a period of quiet worship, with 22 attending. Minutes were approved as read.

Jeannette Purdy, reporting for Ministry and Counsel, presented the names of John and Barbara Hale Brainerd, active members, and Jill, Roger and Allen Brainerd, associate members, all by letter of transfer from Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends. Francis and Sylvia Helfrick, Margaret Morrison and Edith Clapp will make a welcome call. Also, by letter of transfer from Orange Grove Monthly Meeting, Pasadena, Cal. were presented John Noble Phillips, Jr. and his wife, Mary Peterson Phillips, active members and Ellen Elizabeth and Craig Charles Phillips, associate members. Tom Bodine and Patricia Ritter will welcome them.

Ministry and Counsel also expressed concern for the lack of space for First Day School and recognized the devotion of Mabel Bailey in her attendance on those members of the Meeting who become ill. Beverly Stamm has offered to supervise preparation of Thanksgiving Day dinner following Meeting for Worship if enough people are interested. Alice Jorgensen and the Butterworths reported pleasant welcoming visits with new members.

Tom Bodine drew our attention to the sesquecentennial celebration of Whittier's anniversary to be observed on Sunday, December 15.

In the absence of Clarence Jessell, Treasurer, Paul Cleaver gave the financial report which was approved. The balance on Aug. 31, 1957 was $2307.13. Amount received 1311.91 Total $3619.04. Disbursements $1511.45 Balance on Oct. 31, 1957 $2107.59. Fifty-two of the 71 family units in the Meeting have contributed up to this date.

Wendell Clepper, representative to Hartford Council of Churches mentioned especially: 1. The new Protestant chaplaincy at Hartford Hospital 2. The problems of ministry to Puerto Rican Americans in this community 3. Protestant programs forthcoming on radio and television. He will obtain information on Sunday School teacher-training for Ralph Williams and First Day School staff.

Alexander Purdy spoke of attending, along with Tom Bodine and Paul Abrams, the Friends World Committee Twentieth Anniversary dinner. He and the Butterworths also participated in the opening tea for Beacon Hill Friends House.

Ralph Williams read Mary Jane Carpenter's report on First Day School, pointing out the joyous bursting-at-the-seams which occurs when our 55 to 65 youngsters meet each First Day. The Meeting concurred with Paul Cleaver's suggestion that the Management Committee secure an architect to formulate preliminary plans for an addition which would be constructed as soon as the Meeting feels it is in a position to proceed. These plans would be made with reference to suggestions of program people such as the First Day School Committee.

Ralph Williams also reported meetings of college-age young people, a Christmas party on Dec. 7 for kindergarten children and their families and a carol sing on Dec. 15 at Gerald Greene's house by children of grades III and over, together with their families.

Jeanne Clepper brought out the need for First Day School teachers after the first of the year.

Margaret Morrison read Minute 14 from the Quarterly Meeting in which John Stamm proposed the setting up of a Quarterly Meeting session for Young Friends to meet at the same time as the adult Quarterly Meeting, but to function as a separate entity. Hartford Meeting was asked to plan such a trial session for Junior Young Friends for the next Quarterly Meeting to be held here. Margaret Morrison agreed to discuss the program with her older girls class and with John Stamm. The regular Quarterly Meeting program will be in charge of Program Committee of the Meeting.

The Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group has been temporarily discontinued unless a desire is expressed for its continuance.

Moses Bailey, in reporting for Peace and Social Concerns, drew our attention to the need for transportation of Thomas Whitworth and Joan Herman.

On Nov. 22 and 24 there will be held in Washington, D.C. a Prayer and Conscience Vigil to which Peace and Social Concerns is contributing $25 of its funds. Peace and Service of the Yearly Meeting has requested that we bring a speaker to present the religious basis of pacifism to the community, perhaps through the Council of Churches. The Meeting approved the suggestion.

Marion Jessell announced the prayer group meetings on Wed. Nov. 29 at 7:45 and on Thurs. Nov. 21 from 10 to 12 and from 1 to 3 when Louise Eggleston will speak on The Art of Prayer.

Marguerite Marsh, for Bulletin Committee, drew to our attention the exchange bulletins which are on display in the library.

Katherine Locke requested for the Clothing Committee donations of warm clothing for men and children plus bedding and clean cotton rags. All sewing on hand has been completed.

Lois Williams mentioned the new mailing lists which are now available. The Meeting approved a Minute of appreciation to be sent to Carolyn deCou Howard for her continued service.

Paul Butterworth, Management Committee, has received over $84.00 for Robert Kearney which will be added to the $100.00 grant approved last month as an expression of sympathy from the Meeting.

Libby Butterworth attended the meeting for Leprosy Missions and brought its needs before us. The Meeting decided to make the facts available to individuals who may wish to contribute, rather than to donate as a unit.

Following a short period of silent worship, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Garnette T. Johnson, Acting Recording Clerk

12-12-57 Meeting for Business began with period of quiet worship, 22 attending. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Ralph Williams reported that 28 had attended the Thanksgiving Day service and he proposed holding a meeting for worship at 11 a.m. on Christmas morning. This was agreed upon, the service to be held under his care.

Marguerite Marsh announced that about 170 attended the evening meeting led by Louise Eggleston and about 60 attended the all-day session, Mrs. Eggleston's subject being "The Meaning of Prayer ".

Ministry and Counsel, Jeannette Purdy reporting, announced that Sylvia Kelsey, now an associate member, had requested that she be received into full membership. This was approved, Lynn Scott and another member to be chosen, to call upon her. Ministry and Counsel recommended that in the future our Program Committee shall be responsible for coordinating the program of the Meeting as a whole, instead of continuing in its present function of presenting a monthly program. Also, that the Program Committee shall report, at least annually, on Meeting life and shall stand by to produce any program requested by Monthly Meeting

No action was taken on the foregoing proposed recommendation after it was announced that Friends General Conference has made a new study on the function of a program committee, which it was agreed, we should consult before making any change.

Clarence Jessell, Treasurer, being unable to attend, there was no financial report except that Marion Jessell stated that we have a $2200 balance.

The Meeting approved of our Clerk preparing a sojourning minute for Lawrence and Lucia Barbour and their children who are living temporarily in Scarsdale, N.Y.

Paul Butterworth, Management Committee, stated that Robert Kearney was deepl appreciative of the gift of "about $200" made to him by the Meeting. We were advis by this committee to park cars on the street in bad weather as our driveway and parking space can not be kept clear of snow on the present budget and with our limi manpower. Paul Butterworth asked advice and help with the problem of Meeting House property which is borrowed and not returned. He is especially concerned because the projector has lost its lens, and because some money has been removed from Library and Kitchen funds. Members were reminded that many groups use the Meeting House and asked to avoide putting temptation in the way of visitors. It was also suggested that some of the more valuable property be locked up.

Paul Butterworth also reported that Management Committee felt it was not too soon to study the matter of building an addition to the Meeting House although construction might not begin for a year or two. He proposed that Mary Jane Carpenter, First Day School Director and Peter Tychsen, builder, meet with the Committee and make a survey of the property.

Mary Jane Carpenter said that her concern is not only for more classroom space but also that future teaching staff may be assured. She proposed that we hold a meeting of parents of children now attending First Day School, to explore with them the degree of support they may wish to give our School during the next few years. At present, she said, most of the parents teach classes so that there is full family participation, and this should probably continue if we are to have enough staff for a larger school. The Meeting authorized holding a parents meeting such as she proposed.

The Clerk announced that Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth had planned a round-the-world trip and he read a traveling minute he had prepared for them which was approved. A luncheon in their honor will be held after Meeting for Worship on Dec. 29, Mabel Bailey announced.

The Meeting approved of a short Christmas program to be given on Dec. 22 at the beginning of Meeting for Worship by members of First Day School.

Mabel Bailey announced that at present Joan Herman is unable to attend Meeting.

The Sewing Committee will meet for work on Dec. 14 stopping at noon.

Marguerite Marsh asked that we remember to give her personal news items for use in The Bulletin.

On Thursday, Jan 2 at 7:45 Moses Bailey will give the first of four lectures on "Prophets of the Old Testament" under the auspices of Adult Education Committee. The first and third Thursday evenings in January and February are scheduled for these lectures, as announced by Margaret Morrison, chairman.

Peace and Service Committee is concerned about providing more comforts for the Whitworths and members were advised of their special needs.

It was announced that our new members, the Brainerd family in Springfield, had been visited by Francis Helfrich, Edith Clapp and Margaret Morrison.

After a period of worship, the meeting adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

1-9-58 Meeting for Business, attended by 25, began with a short period of quiet worship. Minutes were approved with one correction.

Ministry and Counsel announced the transfer of membership of Samuel B. and Jane C. Burgess and of their children, Martha and John, associate members to Cambridge, Mass. Monthly Meeting. They plan, however, to attend the Allowed Meeting in Wellesley. The Clerk was asked to write to them in appreciation of their service while members of our Meeting and to wish them well.

Agnes deCou Budd of Falls Village, Conn. has transferred to our Meeting from Morristown, N.J. Meeting, it was announced. Margaret Morrison and Garnette Johnson volunteered to pay a visit of Welcome. Ministry and Counsel has arranged for our Meeting Room to be opened at 7:15 on the evenings when there is Meeting for Business so that members wishing to come early for a period of worship may do so. Area parties will again be held this winter under auspices of this committee.

Ralph Williams announced that thirteen attended the Christmas Morning Service and he expressed the hope that Thanksgiving and Christmas morning services will become regular events on our calendar, and that these services would be announced in the daily newspapers.

Paul Cleaver of Finance Committee stated that we are ending the year with money in the treasury and he spoke warmly of the faithful, competent service rendered by our treasurer, Clarence Jessell. All committees were asked to submit budgetary requests this month so that they may be studied by Finance Committee before the February business meeting.

Clarence Jessell submitted the following report: 12-31-57 With all bills received paid, we have on hand in our checking account $845.43. We are now closing the books which will be audited shortly. The annual report will be submitted at next business meeting when the Finance Committee will present the budget for1958. One last word- although we are solvent as of now, you should know that contributions for November and December ran behind those of last year.

Mary Jane Carpenter, First Day School Director, presented in detail how the proposed Meeting House Addition could be put to use in a richly augmented program for not only children but also for adults and teen-agers. Paul Butterwort of Management Committee sent a preliminary sketch of the Addition for study. The Clerk reminded us how a larger Meeting House could also serve the neighborhood. All members were urged to give thought as to how the Addition might provide better for special needs and to help Management Committee in its planning. Finance Committee chairman stated that in his judgment and that of the Committee, the Addition should not exceed $40,000 in cost.

Mary Jane Carpenter asked that the Meeting make some recognition of the faithful service rendered by Anne Bishop as a teacher of First Day School. She is leaving for California. The Clerk was directed to write to her a letter of appreciation and good wishes.

It was announced that Quarterly Meeting will be held here on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 and Lynn Scott and Garnette Johnson were chosen as delegates.

Katherine Locke and Alice Fox, joint chairmen of Sewing Committee, submitted their annual report which is filed with the minutes. The annual report of Library Committee, submitted by Marion Jessell is also filed with the Minutes.

Marguerite Marsh, reporting for The Bulletin, asked for the members' full support and cooperation in the gathering of news.

Mabel Bailey announced that she had visited Patricia Ritter who is now a patient at Hartford Hospital conveying our best wishes for her rapid recovery.

Scholarship Committee for the Nursery School, Jeanne Clepper reporting, advised members to submit names of three year old children who might be considered for a scholarship which has become available for the rest of the school year.

Margaret Morrison, Nominating Committee, submitted the names of officers and chairmen for the coming year, the list being accepted for the most part without change. Officers are: Clerk, W. Glenn Roberts, Assistant Clerk, Mabel Bailey, Treasurer, Clarence Jessell, Recorder, Alice Jorgensen, Auditor, George Halford. Recording Clerk, to be filled. The Clerk was asked to contact Jeannette Purdy and/or Sylvia Helfrick, one of whom hopefully would accept membership on the Nominating Committee which has a vacancy.

Warm appreciation was expressed of the work rendered by Hannah Cleaver in preparing for the large luncheon honoring the Butterworths.

To assure a more ordered worship service, members were asked to be punctual. Since we have visitors who know little of Quaker practice, Ralph Williams asked that one of the queries be read each month. It was agreed that Family Worship service could be best explained to visitors by placing a sign in the hall. Meeting adjourned after a period of worship.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

2-13-58 Meeting for Business, attended by 29, began with a brief period of quiet worship. Minutes were approved as read.

The Clerk announced that Sylvia Helfrick had agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee and the Meeting approved. An interesting letter from Paul Butterworth, reporting particularly on his contacts with Friends in Honolulu, Tokyo and Hongkong was read by the Clerk.

The financial report of the year ending December 31st, was submitted by Clarence Jessell, Treasurer and it was accepted by the Meeting, appreciation being expressed of his good services which have been faithfully rendered despite illness.

Paul Cleaver, Finance Committee, submitted the proposed budget for 1958 for discussion. It was agreed to increase our contribution to the Connecticut Council of Churches to $25. Several members expressed concern over the small amount of our Meeting contributions to orgnnizations needing support. The question was raised as to whether we should not give away as much as we spend for general expenses and for maintenance. Discussion followed as to how our income might be increased--whether members should be sent written notification of their financial obligation to the Meeting, or whether direct solicitation was more desirable. Some felt that Ministry and Counsel might assume some responsibility in this area. It was finally agreed to carry over further consideration of the proposed budget to the March business meeting.

Lynn Scott read a comprehensive report on Quarterly Meeting which was well received. She also reported that 25 young people held a separate meeting at the home of Margaret Morrison at the time of Quarterly Meeting and that they had elected a secretary who, hopefully, would hold the group together.

We were reminded by our delegates to Quarterly Meeting, Lynn Scott and Garnette Johnson, to select a member to serve on the board of Beacon Hill Friends House and a member to serve with Russell Brooks, convenor, on a committee authorized to report on West Ridge Friends who wish to organize into a Monthly Meeting. Selection of these members was deferred.

John Stamm, chairman of Peace and Social Concerns, was named as our representative to attend a meeting on disarmament to be held this spring in Germantown, Ohio and his expenses underwritten.

Adult Education Committee announced the final of Moses Bailey's lectures on the Old Testament to take place at 7:30, February 20 at the Meeting House.

Hannah Cleaver, Sewing Committee, reported that six bags of clothing had been processed for A.F.S. and that Harold Clapp is giving his service in delivering the bags to the Hartford Dispatch Company which for some time has generously delivered our donations to the A.F.S. warehouse in Philadelphia. In addition to sending these six bags to Philadelphia, the group had sent two boxes to the Thrift Shop at McCook Hospital and another box to the Seminary for use by students who are on a limited budget. Alice Jorgensen was announced as serving as co-chairman with Hannah Cleaver.

As Recorder, Alice Jorgensen made her annual report to be filed with the minutes.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee sent a report which was read by the Clerk. Don Noel was announced as a new member of this committee. The Committee expressed concern that our Meeting should contribute more generously to A.F.S., Friends World Committee and Friends Committee on National Legislation. It has agreed to allocate $25 for helping to pay the expenses of a member who will attend a U. N. seminar sponsored by A.F.S. and it will contribute $100 to the Interfaith Housing Opportunities Program. Thomas Bodine, George Ritter and Lester Smith are our representatives on the executive committee of this group. Peace and Social Concerns Committee is also coordinating transportation for Thomas Whitworth under the direction of Homer Terwilliger. Katherine Locke, representative of the Committee, visited the State Prison Farm for Women and she reported on the need for funds for furnishing an interfaith chapel there. She offered to arrange for a group to visit the Prison Farm if any members are interested.

John Stamm offered transportation to Cambridge, Mass. to a meeting of the Friends Service Committee on February 15.

Bernard Wojan, Management Committee, asked for volunteers to take care of spring chores at the Meeting House.

Garnette Johnson, Use Committee, explained some of the difficulties she has encountered in deciding which groups may use the Activities Room and it was agreed that those who had carried this responsibility in the past, namely Katherine Locke and Alice Jorgensen, should meet with her. Thomas Bodine was added to this committee to work out a clearer definition of Meeting policy.

Virginia Costales, Nominating Committee, announced that Garnette Johnson will serve as Recording Clerk and that Homer Terwilliger will serve on Bulletin Committee. Fritz Semmler, Program Committee announced that he is trying to arrange with Graham Leonard to meet with us on March 9 after Meeting at which time he will show slides of Ramallah. Mabel Bailey announced the World Day of Prayer on February 21 and a party on February 14 at the Meeting House for members and pupils of First Day School. After a period of quiet worship, the Meeting adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Frances M. Zane, Recording Clerk

3/13/58 The Meeting was opened with a few moments of silence. The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

The Meeting made the following appointments as recommended by the Nominating Committee: Tom Mooney, alternate member of the Board of Directors of Beacon Hill; Katherine Locke, member of a committee to visit the new Monadnock Meeting, one member to come from each Monthly Meeting in the Quarterly Meeting. (Virginia Costales)

Ministry and Counsel reported that Richard K. Conant, Jr., wishes to transfer his membership by letter from the First Parish in Lincoln, Mass., to the Hartford Monthly Meeting; Gerda Conant requests membership; and the Conants both request associate membership for their sons, Donald Robert and David Allen. The recommendation for acceptance was approved by the Meeting. Lynn Scott and Frank Gademan volunteered to call on these new members.

Moses Bailey read the Annual Report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. It was also printed in the Bulletin.

Jeanette Purdy read a Minute reporting a meeting held on January 30 to discuss the formation of a "committee on the balanced diet" which would work toward a well-rounded educational program. This Minute is filed with the Minutes of the Meeting for Business. Frances Helfrick, as chairman of the committee, gave the report and recommendations of the group in which they suggested absorption of the present Program Committee by the Adult Education Committee; development of a long-range adult education program based on (1) our heritage, (2) our culture, and (3) our method; and inclusion in the Meeting for Business of an educational program. A copy of the complete Minute is filed. The Meeting specifically authorized the combination of the Program and Adult Education Committees, and expressed the wish that the complete Minute be effected. Ministry and Counsel will see that relationships are worked out in this matter, with the Helfrick committee to be used as seems advisable.

The First Day School committee brought to our attention their concern that the value of the First Day School must reach far beyond the one short hour of instruction given to the children on Sunday mornings. This report will be made available in modified form to the "Friends Journal".

Sylvia Kelsey and Carleton B. Spotts request permission to be married at the Meeting House on Saturday, June 7, 1958, at five o'clock. Ministry and Counsel will arrange for committees who will visit these young people and make their reports at the next Meeting for Business.

Virginia Costales cannot continue to act as chairman of the Nominating committee. Katherine Locke consented to fill out the unexpired year as chairman.

Don Noel read a letter to the Hartford *Times* expressing our concern for greater emphasis on spiritually oriented goals in the formation of governmental policies. A copy is on file. The Meeting approved sending the letter and suggested that a similar one might be drawn up for the *Courant* should occasion warrant.

The Program committee announced that Guilford College will present a concert in town on March 26 for which the Meeting is requested to act as sponsor. There will be no financial obligation. Meeting approved. (F. Zane)

Three hundred and forty pounds of clothing and bedding were sent during the past month through the Sewing committee. Needs are great for warm clothing and bedding. (Alice Jorgensen)

The Hospitality committee expressed appreciation for generous help.

Wendell Clepper will show slides, plus a correlated tape recording, on "Not Our Town", following the Fellowship luncheon on March 30.

On February 19, Tom Bodine, Mabel Bailey, Ruth Wojan, Katherine Locke, Jeanette Purdy, and Garnette Johnson met to consider use of the Meeting House by outside groups. The following suggestions were offered by this committee:

1. There should be no regularly scheduled meetings of outside groups except for community groups in which we as a Meeting have a concern.

2. There should be no card parties or other social activities to which admission is charged for the purpose of raising money. This includes previous sale of tickets or tables. It does not necessarily include admission charges to help with honorariums for educational lectures.

3. Contributions for the use of the building should be as follows:

Meeting Room (with or without Library)	$15.00
Library	5.00
Activities Room	10.00
Activities Room with Kitchen	15.00
Whole building	25.00

4. These amounts can be modified in rare cases when the occasion merits reduction. Occasionally, when the outside groups answers a concern of the Meeting, the building may be used without payment.

5. There should be no serving of food upstairs.

Action on this report was deferred until a later Meeting for Business.

After a great deal of discussion, the Budget was accepted as presented by the Finance committee, with emphasis on the fact that it is a minimal budget based on past receipts and expenditures. If additional funds warrant, the Finance Committee will welcome the opportunity to expand the budget as the Meeting wishes. (Paul Cleaver)

An Expansion Fund was established in conjunction with a possible development program. As an initial step, $3100.00 was set aside as follows:

$1200. from the Sinking Fund (leaving a balance of $ 700.52)
1900. from the General Fund (leaving a balance of $1956.66)

$3100. Expansion Fund

In the future the top limit of the Sinking Fund will be five percent of the original cost of the building.

The Meeting agreed not to touch the Wittko Fund.

After detailed discussion, the following Minute was approved: The Peace and Service committee be asked to be responsible for building up, through personal consultation with the membership, contributions to outside groups either through the Meeting or direct. Peace and Service committee was asked to consider this and report back.

The Nominating committee was authorized to appoint a committee "to present a preliminary plan, after consultation with an architect, for the proposed addition to the present building. Three hundred dollars was authorized for the use of the committee for the preparation of such a preliminary plan. The Nominating Committee was authorized to bring names for this committee for the approval of the business meeting on April 10, 1958. The Nominating Committee was further requested to present names for an enlarged committee of young parents to consult with this planning committee on facilities needed for a long range program." (Katherine Locke) The concern was expressed that plans should be kept within ten percent of our present need, and within a budget of thirty to thirty-five thousand dollars.

Appreciation of the Meeting was expressed to Paul Cleaver and the Finance committee.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

4/10/58 The Meeting was opened with a few moments of silence. The Minutes were read and approved as corrected. There were 24 present.

Ministry and Counsel reported that Virginia Gunn is transferring her membership to the General Philadelphia Monthly Meeting.

Some cards have been placed on the table in the hall for the use of attenders and new people who may come to Meeting for Worship. It is hoped that they will fill out these cards so we can know about them and get in touch with them.

Ministry and Counsel has also had printed a questionnaire which is to be sent to all adult members and attenders, and to the oldest class in the First Day School. This information will help in future plans of the Meeting and enable us to become better acquainted.

Lynn Scott and Frank Gademan visited the Conant family.

The advisability of having committees of the Meeting serve from June 1 to May 31 was discussed, then put aside for future consideration.

A restatement of duties of the Adult Education committee called for "responsibility for the total, long range, adult education of the Meeting in Friends' conception of the Christian message and its implications." The First Day School committee "provides the direction for the First Day School for children up through high school." Concern was expressed for the need to maintain careful liason between the Young Friends and the rest of the Meeting. These reports aare on file.

Alexander Purdy and Ralph Williams, who talked with Carleton Spotts, and Lois Williams and Jeanette Purdy, who talked with Sylvia Kelsey, recommended approval of supervision of their marriage by the Meeting.

A Memorial Service for Homer Terwilliger will be held at two o'clock on a near Sunday. Wendell Clepper will act as convener of a committee to arrange the service.

Michele Greene spoke on a pacifism seminar which she attended at Woolman Hill, and of the peace walk in which she participated.

Appreciation was expressed to the five families who each took two members of the Guilford Glee Club into their homes as guests.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of $1,009.68, with all current bills paid, including contributions of $912.30.

The Fall Conference of the New York Yearly Meeting of Friends and the New England Yearly Meeting will be held in Hartford on September 3,4,and 4. (Marian Jessell)

The Management committee requested volunteers to sign up for lawn-mowing and fence-painting. New locks and keys have been installed on the outside doors. The chairman of the Ushering committee will help the Treasurer empty funds from the Contribution Box, storing them for safe-keeping at the Clerk's home.

Worchester Meeting wishes to exchange visits on May 11. Moses Bailey, Mabel Bailey, Edith Clapp, and Garnette Johnson expressed a willingness to go to Worchester.

Peace and Social Concerns committee announced plans for a program meeting for Thursday, May 1, at 7:45. Russell Johnson will talk on the activities of the AFSC.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following Planning Committee for the proposed addition to the Meeting House:

Thomas Bodine, chairman
Paul Cleaver
Paul Butterworth
Robert Mooney
George Ritter
Florence Greene
Glenn Roberts
William Clark

The Nominating Committee also suggested as a Committee for Consultation with the Planning Committee:

Patricia Ritter, chairman
Mary Jane Carpenter
Lynn Scott
Frank Gademan
Ralph Williams
Marian Jessell

Sylvia Helfrick	Fritz Semmler
Elsa Cullen	Wendell Clepper
Alice Cheney	Richard Conant
Beverly Stamm	Edith Clark

The Meeting made the appointments to both committees as recommended.

The Clothing committee drew attention to the great need for warm clothing.

After a few moments of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

5/8/58 The Meeting for Business was opened with a few moments of silence. The Minutes were approved as read.

Ministry and Counsel appointed the following committee to oversee the marriage of Sylvia Kelsey and Carleton Spotts on June 7: Margaret Morrison, Zora Roberts, Tom Bodine, and Glenn Roberts.

The Treasurer's report showed increases in the amounts promised to theGeneral Fund and the Building Fund, as well as increases in contributions received for these funds over the corresponding period a year ago. (J. Carpenter)

The Nominating committee again presented the question of appointing most committees to serve from June to June. It was decided to discuss this matter during the summer and give it further consideration later, perhaps next fall. (K. Locke)

The First Day School committee has requested permission from Kingswood School to use some of their facilities for First Day School next year.

The annual Family Picnic will be held on June 8 at the home of Wendell and Jean Clepper. Meeting for Worship will begin at 11:00, followed by the picnic.

On Friday, May 23, the senior girls of the Meeting are having a square dance in the activities room.

The last classes of the First Day School will be held on June 1.

Frances DeCou has consented to serve on the Bulletin committee, filling out the term of Homer Terwilliger.

Peace and Social Concerns mentioned the talk by Russell Johnson on May 1. Varied Institutes and Seminars will be held during the summer, with a possible week-end conference on Friends concerns for international relations planned for November. (J. Stamm)

John Stamm brought to the attention of the Meeting his concern for the need for scholarship aid to members or families from the Meeting who may need assistance in order to attend the Avon Institute or the Family Pacifist Week. The following Minute, proposed by Tom Bodine, was agreed upon:

"We hope in the future that the Adult Education committee would take this type of scholarship under advisement. This year we authorize the expenditure of up to $45.00 from the Miscellaneous Account of the General Fund for a scholarship at Avon-at-Winnepasakee for an adult or young Friend, or family, to be selected by Peace and Social Concerns committee, who already have this in mind."

Mrs. Whitworth will go to a convalescent home in another week or so; we can best help by calling on the Whitworths or sending cards and small gifts. (F. Zane)

The Memorial Service for Homer Terwilliger will be held on May 18 at 2:00 p.m. (W. Clepper)

Moses Bailey gave a brief look at the work of a committee concerned with the schools of the Yearly Meeting.

Members of our Meeting were reminded of the invitation from Worcester to worship and to have lunch with them on May 11 while they meet with us.

A request was read from William A. Sanderson and Marjory Yale to oversee to oversee their marriage. The Acting Clerk and the chairman of Ministry and Counsel were requested to appoint committees to wait upon these young people.

The Management committee was requested to make a detailed inventory of the Meeting property. James Carpenter expressed a willingness to serve on this.

The Housing Opportunities Program is now well under way as a truly interfaith program. An Executive Director has been hired, and general acceptance has been shown by responsible community leaders. It is hoped that the group can promote acceptance of negro families into stabilized neighborhoods of the Greater Hartford area. (T. Bodine)

The Meeting closed with a short period of silence.

Mabel Bailey, Acting Clerk

Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk.

/12/58 The Meeting for Business opened with a short period of silent worship, ollowed by the reading and approval of the Minutes. Nineteen were present.

The First Day School committee reported that Kingswood School has ranted permission for use of four of their classrooms for our First Day School ext year providing we are willing to assume costs of heating and incidental aintenance. The First Day School committee, in conference with the Finance ommittee, will make this decision.

Ministry and Counsel read letters of transfer of membership for Don oel from Westbury Monthly Meeting, and for Brad Noel from Ithaca Monthly Meetng. Both were approved. Frances Zane, Frank Gademen, and Virginia Costales xpressed a desire to visit them.

Barbara Mooney spoke on behalf of the National Committee for a Sane uclear Policy. The matter was referred to Peace and Social Concerns.

The committee to meet with William Sanderson and Marjory Yale felt hat this marriage would be inadvisable at this time and advised further consieration on the part of the young couple. (S. Helfrick)

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Peace and Social Concerns read proposed letters to editors of the artford Times and the Hartford Courant offering the services of the Meeting o those in the community who wish to serve as Conscientious Objectors rather han as members of the military service. After discussion, the Meeting decided t would be well to express the position of Friends in positive terms, but not o tie it in with statements of opinion. Such a letter could be signed by the artford Monthly Meeting. Peace and Social Concerns will call on Ministry and ounsel for consultation on such letters, which will be presented to the Sepember Meeting for Business. (D. Noel)

Two young Friends are needed as alternates to represent the Quarterly eeting at the Yearly Meeting. Representatives are Glenn Roberts and Lois illiams. Alternates will be Sally Cheney and Alice Cheney. Tim Cheney is ssisting with the program for Young Friends at the Yearly Meeting. Half his xpenses will bepaid by the Yearly Meeting, and the other half, $12.75, will be aid by the Monthly Meeting.

The picnic at the Cleppers was a happy occasion.

The Aduly Education committee reported an active year of educational rograms. The report is on file.

Ruth Wojan will serve as chairman of the Use committee until Sept. 1.

The Nominating committee (S. Helfrick) gave the following report, hich was approved by the Meeting:

Adult Education committee--June 1958--June 1959

Ralph Williams, chairman
Lois Williams, co-chairman
Timothy Cheney
William A. Greene
Francis Helfrick
Alexander Purdy
Fritz Semmler
Leon Yager
Frances Zane

First Day School committee--June 1958-June 1959

Moses Bailey, chairman
Elizabeth Butterworth
Mary Jane Carpenter
Alice Cheney
Richard Conant
Dorothy Meshenuk
Brad Noel
Beverley Stamm

Peace and Social Concerns committee

James Reik to replace Moses Bailey

Representative to Friends General Conference--June 1959-June 1959

Tom Bodine

Quarterly Meeting Nominating committee

Jeanne Clepper

The last meeting of the Sewing committee will be held on June 17.

Following a few moments of silence, the Meeting adjouned.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Cl

9/11/58 The Meeting for Business opened with a few moments of silent worship, followed by the reading of the Minutes, which were approved as read.

Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership Mary Jane Carpenter and James A. Carpenter, and for Associate membership their children, James L., Jane, and Elizabeth Hooker Carpenter. The Meeting approved. Margaret Morrison, Virginia Costales, and Lois and Ralph Williams will make the welcoming visit.

Ministry and Counsel also suggested appointment of representatives to the Quarterly Meetings for a period of one year, at the same time urging other Friends to attend. Nominating committee will present names for these pepresentatives at the next Meeting for Business. In the interim, Margaret Morrison, Elizabeth Butterworth, and Paul Butterworth will attend, or coopt someone to attend, the next Quarterly Meeting to be held on October 5 at Woodstock, Vt.

During the coming month, Tom Bodine will attend the seventh meeting of the World Committee in Bad Pyrmont, Germany. In accord with his condern to also visit the Berks and Oxon Quarterly Meeting in England, he was furnished with a Traveling Minute.

The Treasurer's report showed contributions up to August 31 of $3,705.54 to the General Fund, and $513.00 to the Building Fund. Friends are urged to send in their contributions. (C. Jessell) The Meeting books were audited on December 13, 1957, and found to be in excellent condition.(Halford)

The Adult Education committee is planning Thursday evening programs on Early Church History for the fall months. Notices will be mailed to members individually.

The Mailing List committee requested that notice of new names or hanges in listing be sent to Lois Williams rather than to Carol DeCou Howard. elp is needed in mimeographing and otherwise preparing the Bulletin for istribution.

Peace and Social Concerns is planning a Service Committee Institute, ossibly on November 14 and 15. Ed Snyder of the FCNL will be here on or about ctober 5 to meet with this committee and any other interested Friends.

The Planned Retirement Class of the University of Hartford has re-uested permission to hold sixteen classes in the Activities Room on consequtive uesday afternoons from four to six o'clock, running from January 6 through pril 21, 1959. Friends approved.

The Church Workers' Conference for New York and New England Yearly eetings, held on September 3,4, and 5 at the Meeting House, brought thirty-ne out-of-town guests who stayed with members and friends of the Meeting. The onference will be held in Poughkeepsie next year.

During the summer Ralph and Lois Williams visited the South China eeting for Worship. Since there was no Meeting for Business during this period, hey were given a letter in lieu of a Minute.

The Management committee mentioned the opportunity for service for omeone who might wish to complete the painting of the fence. This committee ill investigate possible ways to assure the Nursery School of cleaner floors ollowing the Saturday dancing classes and the First Day School activities.

A letter of appreciation will be sent to Robert Kearney for his loving are of the Meeting House properties.

The Meeting closed with a short period of silence.

Glenn Roberts, clerk
Garnette Johnson, recording clerk

0/9/58 The Meeting for Business opened with a few minutes of silence, after hich the Minutes were read and approved. Twenty-nine attended the Meeting.

The Treasurer reported that contributions are falling behind, and equested help in maintaining a balanced budget.

Ministry and Counsel recommended acceptance of a request by Paul brams to withdraw from the Meeting. Approved.

On October 2, Professor Ford Battles spoke on St. Clement of Alexan-ria. On November 6 ~~xxx~~ he will continue the series by talking on Tertullian of Carthage. Supper will be served at the Meeting House. We hope the Butter-orths will be able to tell us about "Quakers around the World" on October 30.

Ed Snyder of the FCNL met with the committee on Peace and Social Con-erns on October 4. On November 14 and 15 a week-end institute on "Foreign olicy without Brinkmanship" will be held in Hartford in cooperation with the SC.

Lynn Scott gave an enthusiastic report of the Avon Institute for 1948, which she found stimulating and productive.

Friends were reminded of the round table discussions to be held on October 15 in Stamford by the "Connecticut Committee to Abolish Capital Punishment".

The Board of Trustees of 151 Maplewood Avenue spoke of the rental from November 1 of the property to Phyllis and Harold Hunter, a Jamaican couple. The First Day School will have use of certain areas of the building on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 12:30. Thesuggestion was approved that the trustees of the property at 151 Maplewood Avenue confer with Paul Butterworth and present a statement concerning this property which could be included in our records.

Mrs. Richard Johnson was approved as admissions chairman for the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School for the year 1959-1960.

Margaret Morrison and Garnette Johnson acted as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting at Woodstock, Vermont on October 5. Burlington and Hanover requested recognition as Monthly Meetings. The area associated with the Upper Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting plans to present a request to become a Quarter Meeting at the next Yearly Meeting. Amherst wishes to become a Preparative Meeting of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting.

The Quarterly Meeting suggests "Quaker Secondary School Education in New England" as a topic for consideration at the next Quarterly Meeting, to be held in Hartford on 2/1/59. The attention of Monthly Meetings was directed toward the possible abolishment of capital punishment in New England states; perhaps community concern might be stimulated through the various councils of churches.

The Nominating Committee agreed to act for the Meeting in selecting a Friend to serve on the committee to visit Burlington and Hanover.

Tom Bodine read a Traveling Minute from Berks and Oxon Quarterly Meeting. It is to be hoped that Tom will share with us experiences of his recent journeyings as soon as convenient.

A concern was mentioned that the Queries be shared to a greater extent by the membership as a corporate activity. (J. Stamm).

The Meeting closed with a short period of silence.

Mabel Bailey, Acting Clerk

Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

11/13/58 The Meeting for Business opened with a few moments of silence, with 32 attending. The Minutes were read and approved.

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting at Berks and Oxon, England, which Tom Bodine visited, expressed joy at the resurgent attitude of understanding and drawing together, both organizationally and spiritually, which is growing among American and British Friends.

The following Minute met with approval of the Meeting: When Ministry and Counsel has exhausted its resources in dwawing to the attention of an Associate Member the desirability of becoming a Member, they should feel free to present the situation to the Meeting for Business before taking action* to drop the person from membership. This would apply also to any active Member who has not shared in the life of the Meeting or whose whereabouts are unknown. Greater visitation by the entire membership is recommended, to be done under the guidance of Ministry and Counsel.

*(This was changed on 12/11/58 to: "...before action is taken to drop the person from membership....")

Friends are to be encouraged to arrive on time at the Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business.

A meeting will soon be held for parents of Young Friends of Junior High School and High School age with a view to developing an enriched program and greater group feeling. (F Helfrick)

Twelve area parties were held during the past year.

On Tuesday, December 9, a meeting will be held at the Meeting House for officers, committee chairmen, and members of Ministry and Counsel.

Following brief reports by several members of their activities in organizations on which they represent the Friends, Barbara Mooney presented a concern for continued support of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

Burlington and Hanover show great resources of strength in seeking to assume the added responsibilities associated with becoming monthly Meetings. Margaret Morrison represented Hartford on a committee of the Quarterly Meeting which visited them.

In the First Day School, congestion has lessened largely because of the kindness of the Wojans and the Hunters, who permit classes to use their homes on Sunday mornings. The five- and six-year-olds are studying Growth; sevens and eights, Stories Jesus Would Have Known as a Boy; nines and tens, How to Use the Bible; other ten-and eleven-year-olds, the New Testament; and the Junior High School group, Quaker Application Today of the Teachings of Jesus. The older girls are either attending Meeting for Worship or assisting in the First Day School.

A Family Fun Night will be held on November 21 for all ages, and a Christmas Carol sing will take place at the Butterworths' on Decemberr 14 from four to six o'clock, also for all ages.

A concern was expressed in relation to visitors at Meeting for Worship, especially groups from the various churches in town, who are not always prepared in advance to understand the significance of the Friends Meeting. Could Religious Education be notified in advance so they could meet with the visitors, even if for only a few minutes? Could the ushers give out appropriate pamphlets to anyone who is obviously a visitor? Perhaps Wendell Clepper could express to the Council of Churches our pleasure at having visitors, as well as the desirability of having advance contact.

The Treasurers report showed our fiscal position to be satisfactory, although increased contributions are welcome. The General Fund is within $45.84 of the estimated $4,600 for the ten-month period; the Building Fund is short by $94.00.

Because of the many other Meeting activities, the Adult Education committee is not planning a second educational meeting for November. The Butterworths spoke to us on October 30, and Dr. Ford Battles on November 6. There will be a Meeting for Worship on Thanksgiving Day at eleven o'clock.

The curtains in the Activities Room will be replaced under the direction of Katherine Locke. On the outside of the building, attention was drawn to the spruce tree which will have to be removed in the spring. A suggestion was made that a wall be built along the southern boundary of the property, with the tomb stones set into the wall.

The Meeting expressed its awareness of the important role the ushers are fulfilling in the life of the Meeting.

The report of the Trustees of 151 Maplewood Avenue was accepted with gratitude. Because our interest in the property is not real, but largely sentimental, we are most appreciative of the report, especially since it does not directly involve the Meeting at this time. With the consent of the Trustees, the report was filed with Addenda to the Minutes.

The Greater Hartford Council of Churches wishes the names of individuals who are willing to serve on the committees of the council.

There will be a sale of worldly books in the library before and after the December Meeting for Business.

Professor Jaraslav Schejbal, Professor of American Literature in Prague, is in great need of suitable books and magazines. The Ritters will be glad to give anyone who is interested complete information.

Following a short period of silence, the Meeting closed.

Glenn Roberts, Clerk

Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

12/11/58 The Meeting for Business opened with a short period of silence. The Minutes were read and approved except for a change in the wording of a previously approved Minute concerning dropping from membership of certain persons. This change has been noted inthe appropriate Minute for 11/ 13/58.

On December 9 a meeting was held of committee chairmen, officers, and Ministry and Counsel to discuss the philosophy of committee service, and the functions of the committees for today and tomorrow. The group concluded that there is no such thing as a static committee, just as there are no static human beings. Each committee must make a concerted effort to draw all its members into itsactivities. The strength of the group should be made available to each member, just as the strength of each individual is needed to support the group.

A carol sing will be held on December 14 from four to six o'clock at the Butterworths for the wh ole Meeting.

Wendell Clepper was asked to request John Chester Smith, the secretary of the Council of Churches, to mention in their monthly bulletin our readiness to have groups attend our Meeting for Worship, with the suggestion that such visits might be more fruitful if the groups would arrange to meet beforehand with a representative from our Meeting for at least a few minutes.

Meeting for Worship was held on Thanksgiving morning, and will be held similarly on Christmas morning.

On January 11 a meeting of parents of Teen-agers will follow the fellowship luncheon.

The Treasurer issued a challenge to Friends to meet the budget before the end of the year, as the usually high contributions for November and December have not yet materialized.

Charles Maitland Zane, who is now living in California, sent in his resignation, which was approved. Mrs. George Fox (Lillian), who we have been unable to reach for at least three years, was dropped from membership on the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel.

The Whitworths will welcome visitors, cards, or any small remembrances on their sixty-first anniversary on December 23. They are most appreciative for the devoted care of Friends.

The Quarterly Meeting will be held here on February 1, 1959, with the program emphasis centered on Quaker education in secondary schools. The discussion panel will include Charles Hutton, George Bliss, and Moses Bailey. Young Friends will hold their Quarterly Meeting at the same time, Beverly Stamm and Garnette Johnson acting as advisors.

Alexander Purdy will discuss "Some Aspects of Quakerism" on January 22, February 19, and March 19. Lynn Scott suggested having Albert Bigelow speak to us. Peace and Social Concerns agreed to look into this, to make tentative arrangements, and to bring suggested possibilities to the Meeting for Business for final action.

John Stamm reported on a week-end conference on international relations held in Hartford on November 14 and 15 in cooperation with the AFSC. Values of the conference included the stimulation and challenge of new and at times controversial ideas, the active participation not only of the whole Peace and Social Concerns committee but also of a large proportion of the Meeting membership, the opportunity to approach public affairs in the manner of Friends, and the r eaching out to concerned individuals in the wider community. Friends expressed a desire that in the future the Meeting might participate more fully in the planning and development of such programs, with increased emphasis being placed on the spiritual values of Friends. The gratitude of the Meeting was expressed to John Stamm, Patricia Ritter, and the other members who worked on the conference.

Appreciation was expressed also to Paul Butterworth for his devotion to the care and management of the building and grounds. Curtains are being made for the activities room; ten new chairs @ $10.85 each are needed for the ~~activities room and the~~ First Day School. The committee to consider extension of the building has contacted the architect recommended by Peter Tyson, and preliminary plans are being worked out. No committments are being made at this time, as full participation of the Meeting will be necessary before definite action is considered. The need for great care was emphasized.

The United Church Women are conducting classes for women who will teach the Puerto Ricans. Volunteers are needed. On January 15 a coffee hour will be held at ten o'clock in McKenzie Hall for all church women. Attention was called to the need for financial support of their ministry to children. (E. Butterworth)

On December 21 Graham Leonard will show slides to the First Day School children and a special Christmas season Fellowship Luncheon will be held, with a program of carol singing and family stunts following the luncheon.

Beverly Stamm expressed a concern over the apparent lack of interest in the FCNL. She reminded us of the FCNL bulletin which is in the library, and of the value of expressing our views to our Congressmen. Friends welcomed the stimulus of this expression of concern.

Glenn Roberts, clerk
Garnette Johnson, recording cler

1/8/59 Following a few moments of silence, the Meeting for Business opened with 31 attending. Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, and approved as corrected.

Ministry and Counsel reported a concern for Friends' expressing themselves to a wider audience. Perhaps people outside the Meeting could be invited to the series of lectures being presented by Alexander Purdy on "Some Aspects of Quakerism". Could announcements be made through other church bulletins and the newspapers? The Adult Education committee has already initiated this step for the first lecture on "Questions about Quakerism" to be given on January 22. However, Nominating committee is requested to suggest at the next Meeting for Business some person or persons who could assist with public relations activities, and to draw up a tentative statement of duties.

Marguerite Marsh received a warm welcome from Friends in SanFrancisco during her recent visit. Marian Jessell will take the greetings of Hartford to the Sandwich Meeting when she visits them next Saturday.

The Finance committee expressed congratulations to the Meeting and to Clarence Jessell on the work of the past year. Finances are in good condition, with approximately five thousand dollars in the Building Fund at the end of 1958. The fourteen hundred dollars in the Maintenance Fund should be built up at the rate of about seven hundred dollars a year until a total is reached of three thousand dollars to care for any major or unexpected repairs. (P. Cleaver) Contributions to our General Fund brought us $201.6[illegible] over the estimated budget for the year, exceeding those of last year by $1,281.02.

The report of the Committee of Peace and Social Concerns for 1958 pointed out the following main areas of activity: contributions of funds to organizations and individuals, sponsorship of meetings and a week-end institute, encouragement of individuals to attend conferences, counselling with prospective conscientious objectors, and cooperation with members of Meeting who were actively participating in programs related to our Peace Testimony. The committee indicated three related areas of concern: to bring to the awareness of all members of Meeting the implications of the Peace Testimony of Friends at the present time, to present these concerns to the wider community, and to support Friends and Friends-related organizations. (J. Stamm)

James Greene, Executive Secretary of the Greater Housing Opportunities Program, spoke of the value of having four major religious groups (Jew, Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Quaker) working together on a community project which deserves their efforts. The organization first studied results of integrated housing in other cities before beginning its program here. Now, with a professional executive, emphasis is on education of the public, motivation of families to continue seeking homes in previously restricted/neighborhoods, and setting up the integrated situation with a minimum of friction, supplying the necessary technical assistance.

Friends visited the Whitworths on their anniversary and on Christmas, taking them small gifts and a poinsettia. Faith Brown is home from the hospital.

Deep gratitude was expressed to Paul Butterworth and Paul Cleaver for their years and years of devoted service.

During the past year, the Sewing committee has sent 3,198 pounds of clothing to the AFSC in Philadelphia. An average of eight "women, middle-aged" met on each of the seventeen sewing days. (H. Cleaver)

At the suggestion of Marian Jessell it was decided to put aside any monies from the sales of worldly books toward a scholarship to the Friends School at Ramallah. This was part of a plan begun a year ago by Marian Jessell and Marguerite Marsh. The Finance committee will report on a fun set aside some time ago toward a similar objective in the African area.

The Bulletin committee expressed appreciation for the greater number of reports which have been submitted in written form.

The Meeting for Worship on Christmas day offered the opportunity for a valuable spiritual experience, especially for those who were able to attend as a family group. (R. Williams)

The Ushering committee estimated that, during the past year, average attendance at Meeting for Worship was 53, not including Quarterly Meeting. The highest figure recorded for any one Sunday was seventy. The chairman reported that members of the group served faithfully and well. Bob Kearney will be asked to open the office door on Sunday mornings from now on so the ushers will have access to the contribution box and necessary supplies.

On Sunday, January 11 following the fellowship luncheon, parents of teen-agers are invited to gather in the Meeting Room to discuss means of incorporating these young people more fully into the life of the Meeting. Francis Helfrick will serve as chairman.

On January 15 an all-day study program of the Palestine-Middle East situation will be held at the Seminary, with Moses Bailey as moderator for the afternoon discussion.

Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hartford on February 1.

Four recommendations by the Nominating committee were approved as follows:

1) that there be a second assistant clerk
2) that the committee "Liason for young Friends of college age" function from June to June instead of from January to January
3) that the scholarship committee members serve for over-lapping two-year terms
4) that the projector be under the care of management committee

The following report of the Nominating was also approved:

OFFICERS

Clerk	Elizabeth Butterworth
Assistant Clerk (1st)	Mabel Bailey
Assistant Clerk (2nd)	Francis Helfrick
Treasurer	Clarence Jessell
Recording Clerk	Garnette Johnson
Recorder	Alice Jorgensen
Auditor	George Halford

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Bulletin

Marguerite Marsh, ch.
Frances deCou
Carol deCou Howard
Marian Jessel
Katherine Locke

Finance

Robert Mooney, ch.
Paul Cleaver
Paul Cullen
George Halford
Clarence Jessel

Hospitality

Alice Fox, chl
Edith Clapp
Edith Clark
Hannah Cleaver
Lenore Grizzel
Ethel Halford (over-night hospitality)
Jeannette Purdy
Pat Ritter (Fellowship luncheons)
Linnea Shaffer

Library

Marian Jessel, ch.
Margaret Buckland
Edith Clapp
Virginia Hicks
Marguerite Marsh

Mailing List

Lois Williams

Ministry and Counsel

Wendell Clepper, ch.
Paul Butterworth (3 years)
Virginia Hicks (3 years)
Virginia Costales
Jeannette Purdy
Moses Bailey

Liason with Young Friends of College Age

Lois Williams
Ralph Williams

Sewing

Garnette Johnson, ch.
Frances Zane, co-ch.
Mary Andrews
Hannah Cleaver
Alice Fox
Alice Jorgensen
Ruth Kirk
Katherine Locke
Margaret Rich
Ruth Spaulding

Management

James Carpenter, ch.
Leslie Buckland
Paul Butterworth
Thomas Harvey
Frank Gademan
Wilfred Kersten
Cynthia Reik (housekeeping)
Glenn Roberts
Beverly Stamm (use schedule)
Bernard Wojan

Peace and Social Concerns

Richard Conant, ch.
John Stamm, co-ch.)
Thomas Bodine
Edith Clapp
Robert Friedenberg
Ethel Halford
George Halford
Katherine Locke
Barbara Mooney
Arlene Mueller
Roger Mueller
Don Noel
James Reik
Lynn Scott
Gerda Wallach

Scholarship

Glenn Roberts (2 years)
Jean Clepper, ch. (1 year)

Ushering

Timothy Cheney, ch.
Gerda Conant
Paul Cullen
Archibald Meshenuk
Zora Roberts
Fritz Semmler
Wayne Shaffer
Jill Brainerd
Bunny Cheney
Peggy Clepper
Michelle Greene
Glenna Roberts
Lisa Stamm
Lois Williams

Representatives

Quarterly Meeting (1 year)	Frank Gademan
United Church Women of Hartford	Linnea Shaffer
Hartford Council of Churches	Wendell Clepper
alternate --	Don Noel
Council for Special Services to Older People	Alexandra Wehle
Quaker Lane Co-operative Nursery School	Ruth Wojan
alternate --	Carol Murphy

(Signed)
John Stamm
Sylvia Helfrick
Katherine Locke

[illegible]

[illegible]. Katherine Locke agreed to serve as chairman of the committee for one more month while the officers consider the vacancy on this committee.

The Meeting expressed appreciation to Glenn Roberts for his leadership during these past two years of rapid growth, with the many attendant adjustments. Attention was drawn to his statement made at the closing of the Meeting for Business on January 8. "Worship is the center of this Meeting.. No service is more important than attendance at Meeting for Worship. The poorest organization will function when all are faithful in being present on Sunday morning. The best organization will fail of its purpose when Meeting for Worship is poorly attended. For out of worship flows all we do and how we do it."

The Meeting closed with a mew minutes of silesnce.

Glenn Roberts, clerk
Garnette Johnson, recordi
cler

2/2/59 The Meeting for Business opened with a few moments of silence, with 32 attending. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved as corrected.

Attention was called to a small African Education Expansion Fund in the treasury. After calling on Beatrice and Herbert Kimball to discuss briefly the hunger for education in Kenya and to give a quidk picture of the costs involved, Friends decided to reconsider this need later in the year and determine at that time what we may do to help just a bit in this great work. (M. Morrison) The Ramallah school, although virtually self-supporting under normal conditions, is also in need of assistance at this time as it is being swamped with refugeed who greatly tax its resources. (Mabel Bailey)

The annual report of the Recorder showed growth in the Meeting, especially in the number of additions by birth. The Recorder wondered whether her report should henceforth be given in January rather than in February so it can be approved before being turned over to the Quarterly Meeting Recorder.

The report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting was approved after one change in phraseology. It was accepted with appreciation, with special mention of its freshness and vitality. It is hoped that this report might be printed in the next issue of the Bulletin. (P. Ritter)

Marion Jessell will be the new member of the Nominating committee, and Brad Noel will serve as coordinator of publicity. The duties of the coordinator of publicity will be to help and consult with committees or individuals who wish to publicize meetings, activities, or concerns of our Meeting.

Clarence Jessell plans to carry on with his usual duties in spite of his illness. Gerald Greene will call on any Friends who may be patients in the Hartford Hospital.

Wayne L. Shaffer, Linnea A. Szostrom Shaffer, and their daughters Katrina S. Shaffer and L. Lisa Shaffer wish to join the Hartford Monthly Meeting by letter of transfer from the Abington Monthly Meeting of Friends, Jenkintown, Pa. Approved. Frank Gademan and Margaret Morrison will call on them. (J. Purdy)

Ministry and Counsel recommends that the coming chairman of that committee be nominated by a committee composed of the Clerk, the chairman of the Nominating committee, and the chairman of the present Ministry and Counsel committee. Wendell Clepper agreed to serve as chairman of Ministry and Counsel for the coming year.

George Halford has weitten to four associate members who are of an age to consider full membership but who have not been attending Meeting for Worship recently. He has so far received only one reply.

There was no Treasurer's report for January. It was decided to put an asterist against any item in the annual budget towhich a special contribution of sizeable amount is given which might change the proportion of the budget. Friends were reminded that, if we are to meet the budget for 1959-1960, individual contributions must increase at least ten percent. Recommendation was made that the Meeting take one thousand dollars from the Expansion Fund to apply to the final payment of the debt to the Sunset Foundation. The budget was approved except for this one item which will be considered at a later meeting.

The recording clerk will report new members to the librarian who will see that they receive a gift from the Meeting of the "Friends Journal" for six months.

A mail box will be constructed and placed in a conventient location, probably in the hall, with special compartments for the clerk, treasurer, librarian, and bulletin committee. (P. Butterworth)

Don Noel was authorized to represent the Meeting and make a statement at the hearing on Senate Bill #47 on Capital Punishment. A proposed Minute which would be the basis for this statement contained two sections, one general and the other specific to Friends. The Minute was approved as amended.

The AFSC and the SANE will sponsor a meeting on April 6 which will feature General Hester and Albert Bigelow, with Ward Duffee as moderator. After a period of searching, the Meeting expressed a feeling of unity behind this porgram and a desire to do everything possible to assist with it.

Following a short period of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, clerk
Garnette Johnson, recording clerk

3/19/59 The Meeting opened with a period of silence following the reading of the query concerning attendance at the Meeting for Worship.

The clerk requested approval for omitting the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting since the recording clerk was not able to be present, and because it seemed wise to make this a shortened meeting. The Meeting followed the final lecture by Alexander Purdy on Questions about Quakerism since a heavy snowstorm had prevented our meeting as usual in the second week of the month. This was approved.

Reports on the Quarterly Meeting were given by Alice Cheney, Frank Gademan and Margaret Morrison. Reports were given on Friends who have been ill.

The Recorder pointed out that the figures published in the Bulletin for Hartford Monthly Meeting include the Meeting at Hartford and the Meeting at Storrs, since the latter has no separate Meeting for Business. The Middletown Meeting, now having its own Monthly Meeting, is no longer included in our statistics. Friends were advised that the lists of members of committees were now available. (A. Jorgensen)

The Sewing committee urgently requested donations.

Peace and Social Concersn (J. Stamm) reported that they had participated in a legislative hearing on a bill to abolish capital punishment in Connecticut. They requested that interested Friends attend a meeting on March 22 to consider whether a peace and social concerns committee should be set up embracing all Meetings in Connecticut. Because some Meetings in the state are members of other Quarterly or Yearly Meetings, it has been difficult to get complete representation on problems affecting this state.

A family weekend is being organized to beheld at Woolman Hill on May 2 and 3. (J. Stamm)

The Treasurers report showed contributions coming in promptly with pledges already received from 27 members and attenders.

The Bulletin committee received approval of its suggestion that only a calendar of events be issued at this time because of the shorter interval before the next monthly meeting.

The Nominating committee is to consider the problem of the proper date for appointing various committees--January or June--and report to a later meeting.

An opportunity for appearance on a TV program was relinquished in favor of giving this time to the Housing Opportunities group since Friends wished more time to prepare for such a presentation.

After a few moments of silence, the Meeting was closed.

Elizabeth Butterworth, clerk
Jeanne Clepper, recording clerk,pro tem

4/9/59 The Meeting opened with the reading of a query and with a period of silence.

The committee on Ministry and Counsel reported onthe plans for our teen-age members and attenders. This year the special class studying the Old and New Testaments was well received. The temporary committee for teenagers had several suggestions for the coming year. The recommended "the establishment of a permanent committee to work with our teenagers and create with their assistance a program that will help them to a better understanding of themselves, of Christianity, and of Quakerism. We would especially like to see such a committee make available to our young people experiences that are uniquely Quaker." The Meeting approved this recommendation. It was suggested that age limits for the teenage group be worked out with the First Day School Committee and other appropriate committees, and Nominating committee was asked to suggest names for the new committee.

Frances Zane reportedon her visit to Thomas and Elizabeth Whitworth.

The Clerk announced a called Meeting for Business to be held next First Day after Meeting for Worship to consider a matter that was not ready for discussion at this time.

The Management Committee made a report which is filed with these minutes. In the discussion of the dancing class which has used our building on Saturdays, it was pointed out that minutes of a previous business meeting had emphasized that it is not our policy to allow any one group to schedule the use of the building regularly over a long period of time, with the exception of the Nursery School. The report was approved by the Meeting.

The Nominating committee recommended that beginning in 1960 all regular nominations for officers and committees of the Meeting be considered at the April monthly meeting, and that the officers and committees appointed in 1959 continue to serve until April 1960. The Meeting approved.

The Committee on Peace and Social Concerns announced that a movie on conscientious objectors would be available from AFSC during the week of April 16 for interested groups. The reported on the formation of the Connecticut Friends Committee on Social Order. This group includes representatives from the Meetings in Newtown, Stamford and Wilton as well as the Connecticut Meetings in our Quarterly Meeting. The group was organized at a meeting held in our Meeting House on March 22. It is hoped each Meeting will appoint representatives. The Committee hopes to express Friends' viewpoint on State legislation of special interest to Friends, to act as a clearing center for information, and as a coordinator, and to keep Meetings informed on progress. The Meeting heartily approved the formation of this committee, and recommended that Peace and Social concerns select our delegates.

After a few minutes of silence the Meeting was closed.

Elizabeth Butterworth, clerk
Jeanne Clepper, recording clerk, pro tem

4/19/59 An adjourned meeting of the monthly meeting was held following the Meeting for Worship to consider the request of Stanley Johnson and Phyllis Gould for marriage under care of Hartford Friends. Cambridge Meeting, in which these young Friends have their membership, has appointed committees to inquire, and their report, delayed because of illness, will come to us soon. Francis and Sylvia Helfrick, and Moses and Mabel Bailey are appointed from this Meeting to consult with them, provided the Cambridge report is satisfactory.

--Moses Bailey

5/13/59 The Meeting for Business opened with a period of silence and the reading of selections from A Diary of Private Prayer by John Baillie. The Minutes for 2/12/59 and 3/19/59 were approved as corrected.

"Francis and Sylvia Helfrick and Moses and Mabel Bailey, at the request of this Meeting, visited with Stanley Johnson and Phyllis Gould, who desired marriage in the care of the Hartford Meeting. Cambridge Friends, having appointed four of their number to inquire into the matter, have reported favorably to this meeting. We believe them clear of other obligations, and we find them understanding of the significance of marriage under the card of Meeting.

"Your representatives, accordingly, encourage thier proceeding with plans for an appointed meeting for worship in this meeting house on June second at four o'clock. It is hoped that all Friends who can do so may be present at that time."

--Report read by Moses Bailey

The above report was approved as read.

Letters were read from Graham and Lily Leonard, and the Paulins, as well as a note of appreciation from the University of Hartford for use of the building for the Planned Retirement classes. The Clerk will write a letter of bon voyage to the Leonards on behalf of the Meeting.

William A. Greene died April 13 and a memorial service was held in the Meeting house on April 16. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family. The following Minute was approved, a copy to be sent to Florence Greene:

> In the death of William Ainsworth Greene our Meeting has lost a valued member. He was for many years a teacher and counsellor of boys , who was successful in interpreting history and challenging youth to relate the lessons of the past to the present. He appreciated the quiet and freedom of our Friends Meeting and was interested and serviceable in the Meeting's program of adult and religious education.

At the recommendation of the Nominating Committee ~~quarterly meeting on May 3~~ the following nominations ~~of members of the Hartford Meeting~~ were approved:

First Day School Committee

Moses Bailey, Chairman
Elsa Cullen, Co-director
Beverly Stamm, Co-director
Mary Jane Carpenter
Alice Cheney
Jeanne Clepper
Brad Noel
Virginia Hicks

Liaison with Young Friends of College Ag

Barbara and Robert Mooney

Representative to Friends General Confer

Thomas Bodine

Young Friends Committee

Francis Helfrick, Chairman
Thomas Bodine
Alice Cheney
Constance Way
Morris Way
Leon Yager

Adult Education Committee

Ralph Williams, Chairman
Timothy Cheney
Francis Helfrick
Alexander Purdy
Fritz Semmler
Lois Williams
Leon Yager
Frances Zane

Management Committee

Omit: Beverly Stamm
Add: Margaret Morrison--Use schedule

Submitted: 5/14/59

John Stamm
Sylvia Helfrick
Marion Jessel

Surplus funds in the Quarterly Meeting treasury will be available for use by Young Friends who wish to attend Yearly Meeting. Frank Gademan's report of the Quarterly Meeting was accepted as corrected, with appreciation.

The Nominating committee recommended that nominations henceforth be effective from June 1 to May 31, and that Brad Noel, as coordinator of publicity, be made a member of the Adult Education committee. A statement of the function of the coordinator of publicity will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin. The recommendations were approved.

The report of the Quarterly Meeting representative (F. Gademan) was approved, and the following nominations of members of the Hartford Meeting were also approved:

Quarterly Representative to Yearly Business Meeting: Wendell Clepper
Eliz. Butterworth
Katherine Locke, alternate
Quarterly Young Friends Meeting: Glenn Roberts; Margaret Clepper, alternate
Quarterly Meeting Rep. to Nominating Committee: Mabel Bailey, John Stamm
Quarterly Meeting Supt. of Christian Education: Ralph Williams
Conn. Valley Quatterly Nominating Committee: Jeanne Clepper
Conn. Council of Churches: Garnette Johnson, Alexander Purdy
Board of Directors of Conn. Council of Churches: Garnett Johnson, Alex. Purdy
Dept. of Business and Finance of Conn. Council of Churches: Roland Zane
Quarterly Rep. to Veacon Hill Friends House Committee: Robert Mooney
Quarterly Rep. to Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel: Moses Bailey, Jeannette Purdy
Quarterly Meeting Clerk: Theodore Banks
Quarterly Meeting Recording Clerk: Barbara Brooks

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Of the $6,250 which must be raised by individual contributions in order to meet our budget, $2,236.58 has been received to April 30, or $152.58 more than the estimated goal. Contributions of $452. to our Building Fund are $120. more than the budgeted amount for the period.

Approval was given to the announcement of a new member of the Library Committee, Jane Blackburn.

The Sewing committee filled ten bags with clothing and other items, totaling 473 pounds, at their last meeting.

The Adult education committeewill meet on May 25 to start plans for nex fall. Immediate activities include a square dance on May 15 for teen-agers and their guests.

The First Day School committee has planned a picnic to which the whole Meeting is invited on June 7 (in case of rain, on June 14) following Meeting for Worship, at the home of the Cleppers.

Appreciation was expressed for the devotion of the teaching staff of th First Day School.

A copy of that section of the First Day School report which refers to the kindness of the Nursery School in lending their equipment will be sent to the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School Director. Gratitude was expressed to Mary Jane Carpenter for her leadership and devotion to the First Day School.

It is hoped that a report can be given at the next Meeting for Business on developments in the formation of preliminary plans toward an addition to the Meeting House.

Six families, totaling 35 persons, enjoyed a week-end of relaxation at Woolman Hill on May 2 and 3. A similar week-end is being scheduled for May 6,7, and 8, 1960. (J. Stamm)

Management committee was authorized to spend fifteen dollars ($15.00) for repairs to the roof and gutters, and to acquire a few extra tiles in order that they might be on hand for possible roof repairs in the future. (J.Carpenter

Appreciation was expressed to Alice Fox and the Hospitality committee for the new member--old member tea held on May 9.

Peace and Social Concerns committee suggested a conference on the Far East for some Friday and Saturday in February, 1960. The Adult Education committ felt that this would fit in well with the Adult Education program plans for the next year and invited members of Peace and Social Concerns to join them on May 25 for their planning session. The Meeting suggested that any groups or individuals who are projecting adult activities would do well to consult with the Adult Educa tion committee as a means of coordinating the various Meeting activities.

There is a quite varied program of institutes and other activities whic will be available. during the coming summer. Many of these are described on the bulletin board, and Marian Jessell has information on others.

Wendell Clepper will write a note to John Chester Smith on behalf of the Meeting expressing our regret at his leaving as Secretary of the Hartford Council of Churches and our appreciation of the work he has done here.

At the Purchase Quarterly Meeting in Stamford on May 3, the question arose concerning Friends readiness to make a modern Peace statement on the 300th anniversary of the Peace statement of George Fox. (Alexander Purdy)

The Meeting closed with a few moments of silence.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

6/11/59 The Meeting for Business was opened in silence, during which the third query under Minutes for Meetings of Ministry and Counsel was read.

The Paullins expressed their appreciation for a going-away gift from the Meeting, and sent in return a book for the Meeting library.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved as read.

A Traveling Minute was approved for Moses and Mabel Bailey, who will attend the New York Yearly Meeting, where Moses will give a course.

The wedding of Phyllis Gould and Stanley Johnson was a deeply joyful occasion. Copies of the letters from Cambridge are on file with the Recorder, and with the Recording Clerk; the Certificate of Marriage was placed with the Board of Health of the Town of West Hartford on June 3, 1959.

Mabel Bailey and Francis Helfrick will be in charge of calls for June.

Contributions to the Equalization Fund of the Yearly Meeting can be made to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, Warren Howe, at Moses Brown School.

Thomas and Elizabeth Whitworth were approved for membership as recommended by Ministry and Counsel. Francis Helfrick and Garnette Johnson will call on them. The Butterworths visited Storrs Meeting a few Sundays ago.

The Treasurer suggested that perhaps in the fall members who have not pledged might be encouraged individually to express their intention concerning contributing toward the financial support of the Meeting.

During the summer many opportunities are available, including the seventh Family Institute on August 20-23, the People-to-People conference on June 20, and the Avon-at-Winnipesaukee conference from August 1-8.

Approval was given to re-appointment of Tom Bodine by the Nominating committee as Hartford representative to the central committee of the Friends General Conference for a two-year term.

The annual report of the Adult Education committee was approved and the committee was commended for developing this long-range plan. Tentative program activities for the coming year include:

Octover 15 or 22 -- possible talk by the Paullins
November 19 -- speaker to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of First Day School
December 12 or 19 -- Annual Christmas Carol sing
January 21 -- The Rev. Wendell Stephan, speaking on some aspect of counseling.
February 7 -- Quarterly Meeting here
February 20 -- Peace and Social Concerns, all-day conference.

The ten o'clock First Day discussion groups will begin in the fall on the theme: Relating our spiritual thinking to our culture.

The possibility of having supper-meetings, either planned or pot-luck, will be further explored. The report of the Adult Education committee was approved.

Roof tiles and repointing are being taken care of, as well as other maintenance needs. Bob Kearney drew to our attention the need for greater care in the use of water-containers, especially on window sills. He reported further that the sills on the east side need refinishing and the small tables down-stairs need painting. The management committee will consider these and other maintenance needs and act on them. The Meeting again expressed appreciation for the care and condition of the building, drawing attention at the same time to the ever-present need for volunteer assistance in maintenance.

The main gear of the projector is badly worn, with only an estimated twenty hours of use left in the equipment in its present condition. Management committee will consider this and report further on it at the September meeting. Report of the management committee was approved. (J. Carpenter).

Sewing group will meet on July 7, August 4, and September 8. First Day School plans will be well in hand for re-opening in September.

The Kelseys and Cleppers attended the fellowship dinner of the Hartford Council of Churches at Granby.

At the suggestion of Peter Tyson, Russell and Gibson, architects, were requested to present tentative sketches for possible expansion of the Meeting House. These were reviewed in December, 1958 by Tom Bodine, Pat Ritter, and Mar Jane Carpenter, who submitted further suggestions. The committee hopes to have tentative layout available for the Meeting for Business in September, keeping in mind that any suggestions are not decisive in any way.

The Meeting closed with a short period of silence, 23 attending. The next regular Meeting for Business will be held the second Thursday of September in 1959.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

9/10/59 The Meeting for Business was opened with a period of silence, thirty-four persons attending. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Mabel Bailey, as assistant clerk, reported on Friends who had been ill also on our Friends Roger and Eileen Mueller, who had returned to Wisconsin, and on the recent visit here of the Selimanofsky family, refugees helped at one time by the Meeting. Since our Friend, Lynn Scott, was going to Florida with her family, a minute to Friends in that region was prepared by the Clerk and approve by the Meeting.

Richard Conant reported for the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns. He said that the Quaker Team at the United Nations had suggested that individual Meetings might wish to send greetings to the Russian Prime Minister, Nikita Kruschev, on the occasion of his visit to this country to visit our President. These greetings could be routed back through the U.N. Team and the Russian group in the U.N. to Mr. Khruschev. A suggested letter drawn up by the Committee was read, discussed, and approved by the Meeting.

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel presented a concern that the Meeting try to plan for closer contacts with the Meeting at Storrs. The Meeting agreed that means should be sought to accomplish this.

The Adult Education Committee presented their plans for their program. On October 22 Theodore and Ellen Paulin, just returned from Paris, will give a talk; On November 19, Dr. Helen Koobyar of the Seminary will speak in celebration of the hundredth anniversay of the First Day School; on January 21 the Reverend Wendell Stephan, Chaplain at Hartford Hospital will speak; at Quarterly Meeting the Paullins will speak; and in February the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns will have charge of the discussion.

The First Day School committee announced that classes would open on the first Sunday in October.

The committee for an addition to the building gave a brief preliminary report, stating that they had met with the architect, who estimated costs at $35,000 to $40,000. They planned for more discussion at the next business meeting.

It was reported that the house at 143 Maplewood Avenue, in back of the Meeting House, was now vacant. It was suggested that it might be rented to a German Friend, Ruth Lillienthal, and her family, who would like to be nearer a Meeting. The First Day School might reserve the use of several rooms there on First Days. The Meeting approved that the Trustees for 151 Maplewood Avenue should take on the responsibility for 143 Maplewood Avenue. It was agreed that it was in the interest of the Meeting that more space be provided for this year for the First Day School. It was recommended that the Trustees meet with the Chairmen of the First Day School Committee and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to see what arrangement for Finances seems best.

After a brief silence the Meeting was closed.

Elizabeth Butterworth , Clerk
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk
pro tem

10/8/59 The Meeting for Business was opened with a silence followed by the reading of the Query on attendance at Meeting for Worship. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Twenty-six persons attended.

Thomas Bodine reported that the letter to the Russian Prime Minister, Khrushchev, which was approved by our last Meeting, was forwarded to him. He was especially impressed by the fact that it was written in Russian, having been translated by one of our attenders.

Mabel Bailey reported on Friends who have been ill and on those who are traveling.

Wendell Clepper reported for Ministry and Counsel that Barbara Sowersby Korte has asked for a transfer of membership to the Providence Road Meeting, since she has now settled in Media, Pennsylvania. This was approved by the Meeting.

The report of the Finance Committee is attached. The Hospitality committee is planning a supper for the night of October 22 when the Paullins will speak about their years abroad. The Sewing committee reports a special need for men's clothing. The Bulletin committee reports that in order to speed the getting out of the Bulletin, one of the committee will cut the stencil.

The First Day School reported that more than fifty youngsters attended the first session. The extra space at 143 Maplewood Avenue and 151 Maplewood facilitated the arrangement of classes. Tom Bodine reported for the Trustees of these properties on Sunday. At 151 it has been estimated that $25. a month would be needed to meet costs. A pre liminary report on 143 indicates that $75. a mont would meet the costs, and that seveal classes will be able to meet there. He suggested, as chairman for the committee on an addition to the Meeting House, that decision on this be postponed while we consider whether the Meeting finds th use of the Maplewood Avenue properties a good solution for the need of space for First Day School. Finance Committee and the Trustees were asked to prepare a joint report for the next Business Meeting.

John Stamm reported for the combined meeting of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting and the new North-west Quarterly Meeting. David McAllester of Middletown was appointed Clerk of Ministry and Counsel of Connecticut Balley Quarterly Meeting, and Mabel Bailey was appointed Superintendent of Missions. Helen Griffith and Edward Manice, and up to three additional members, were appoin ted to work out arrangements for setting up several small groups for correspondence on Friend's literature. Edward Manice, in attendance at this business meeting, explained this plan as one which had been tried in England and found helpful to non-resident Friends or those living at a distance. He asked for a representative from Hartford. The selection was referred to Ministry and Counsel

The Nominating Committee presented the names of Archibald Meshenuk and Theodore Paullin for the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns, and Ellen Paullin for the Young Friends Committee. These were approved by the Meeting.

After a brief silence the Meeting was closed.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk
pro tem

11/14/59 The Meeting for Business opened with a period of silence and the readin of a query. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as corrected.

Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership: James and Cynthia Reik for full membership, and their children Debora, Anita, Jonathan Frederick, and Constance Marjorie for associate membership; Margaret Morrison and Ricky Conant will call on them to welcome them. Helen Ridgeway for full membership following clearance from the West Hartford Congregational church; Virginia Costales will invite someone else to accompany her in calling. Charles Ritter for full membership; Jeanne Clepper and another Friend will call. All were approved. Ministry and Counsel suggested that more recognition be given by the entire membership to new members. Perhaps the Clerk could announce new members at the rise of the business meeting following their acceptance into membership. Members were asked to keep in mind the new members and if they are so inclined to speak to them and welcome them.

The treasurer reported that letters have gone to all members and attenders who have contributed in the past explaining the need for additional contributions. The response to the letter has been gratifying. Appreciation was expressed for the clarity and completeness of the treasurer's reports.

Friends are trying to raise $100,000 to aid Algerian refugees. As materials aid, blankets are needed desparately. Checks may be sent to Philadelphia. (L. Butterworth)

Peace and Social Concerns announced a public meeting planned for February 19 at the Burns School at which James Stuart Dunchan, chairman of the Ontario Hydroelectric Commission, will speak on "Communist China--Time for Reappraisal". He will be introduced by Elmore Jackson, who will express the Quaker concern for reduction of world tensions. The thought was expressed that this must be a meeting project, not merely one of the Peace and Social Concerns committee. The following Minute was approved:

"We approve that the Meeting as a whole, through the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, sponsors the public address of James Duncan at the Burns School, February 19. His talk will be entitled, "Communist China - a Time for Reappraisal". We are glad to know that the Quaker thought in the program will be presented briefly by Elmore Jackson.

"We hope that several associations such as the People to People, Foreign Policy Association, United World Federalists, the Council of Churches, various schools and colleges, and many other groups will participate in various ways, including arrangements for study of the China question before and after the meeting. We understand that the Committee will ask members of the meeting to help with specific jobs so that this becomes a Meeting project."

Robert Pickus is coming on the first Thursday in December, through the auspices of the AFSC, to speak on his experiences in programs of social action working toward peace throughout the country.

Jack Philips, speaking for several visitors from Storrs, expressed their desire to attend the HartfordMeeting for Business at least twice a year, and said that the whole group plans to attend Meeting for Worship with this Meeting soon. Their are in their seventh year, a small but stable group with six families represented. They request someone to come out to help them with suggestions for helping their children's spiritual growth. The Clerk will speak to Mary Jane Carpenter on this concern.

The Meeting xxxxxxxx expressed appreciation to Elsa Cullen, the teachers, and the children of the First Day School for the program in recognition of the centennial celebration of the founding of First Day schools.

On Thursday evening of next week, Professor Helen Kubiar of the Hartford Seminary Foundation will speak at the Meeting House. On December 13 there will be a Christmas Carol sing.

The Sewing group needs blankets.

Ruth Lilienthal will again stencil the Bulletin.

The Minutes of the New England Yearly Meeting are still available for fifty cents each.

At a joint meeting of the Finance committee and the Trustees of the Maplewood Avenue properties it was agreed that the Meeting would pay to the Trustees $125. a month rent year 'round for both buildings. The Finance committee would advance $1500. to assist with capital improvements. If the Meeting decides to proceed with the addition to the Meeting House, the Trustees will mortgage the properties or property in order to repay the $1500. The Meeting agreed to these suggestions and will have use of these two buildings for use of the First Day Schoool, tentative for the period of one year.

The projector is in condition to be used. (J. Carpenter)

The teen-age committee announced a significant meeting of Friday, November 27, of teen-agers with a guest speaker from England. Older young Friends will be invited.

The Moses Brown and Lincoln schools are now seventy-five years old. Moses Bailey brought out the need for acceptance of our great responsibility to these schools. Specific information is in the Meeting library.

Following a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

12/10/59 The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends opened its Meeting for Business with silence and the reading of Query three on Quaker Fellowship. Twenty attended.

A Meeting for Worship will be held at 11 o'clock on Christmas day. A Carol Sing will take place on December 13 at the home of the Mooneys. Those who plan to attend the Christmas dinner on December 20 are requested to notify Ellen Paullin.

On January 21 the Reverend Wendell Stephan, Chaplain of Hartford Hospital, will speak at the Meeting House on Counseling and visiting the sick.

Guilford Meeting asks whether Hartford would be interested in a fourth Quarterly Meeting to be held at Guilford during the summer. The question will be presented inthe Bulletin for consideration before action istaken.

Notices of particular events will henceforth be sent out by postal card as well as through the Bulletin. The Bulletin committee drew attention to the need for accuracy in details, such as dates and times of events.

The sewing group has been working diligently on the blankets and other items which have poured into the workroom, but there is a need for more workers if we are to keep up with the contributions. Letters to the Hartford Courant and the Hartford Times will be written by the sewing committee expressing appreciation for their cooperation in this drive for Algerian relief.

The Treasurer's report showed that $958.09 is still needed to meet the budget for the General Fund for the year. The report was approved.

The high school girls group requests a grant of one hundred dollars ($100.) toward expenses of a proposed United Nations week-end in New York City with other Young Friends. The Meeting approved encouraging the girls to make the plans and further approved their submitting a request for funds to the budget committee.

The questions was raised whether all parents of children in the First Day School should receive the Bulletin. Elsa Cullen will let us know how many families this would include. It has been our custom in the past to send the Bulletin only when a desire has been specifically expressed. The enrollment of

Whereas, Morris Albert Linton, Jr. of Moorestown, New Jersey, son of Morris Albert Linton, of Moorestown, New Jersey, and Margaret Roberts Linton, his wife, and Joan Thompson Sullivan, daughter of Alva Granville Sullivan, of Granby, Connecticut, and Louise Clements Sullivan, his wife, having declared their intentions of Marriage with each other to the Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, according to the good order used among them and having the consent of parents, their proposed marriage was allowed by that Meeting.

Now these are to certify whom it may concern, that for the accomplishment of their intentions, this twenty-ninth day of the Eighth month, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-two, they, the said Morris Albert Linton, Jr. and Joan Thompson Sullivan appeared in an appointed meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut, under the oversight of the aforesaid Hartford Monthly Meeting, and Morris Albert Linton, Jr. taking Joan Thompson Sullivan by the hand, did, on this solemn occasion, declare that he took her to be his wife, promising, with Divine Assistance, to be unto her a loving and faithful husband as long as they both should live;,and then, in the same assembly, Joan Thompson Sullivan did in like manner declare that she took him, Morris Albert Linton Jr. to be her husband, promising, with Divine Assistance, to be unto him a loving and faithful wife as long as they both should live. And in further confirmation thereof, They, the said Morris Albert Linton, Jr. and Joan Thompson Sullivan she, accoring to the custom of marriage, dopting the surname of her husband, did, then and there to these presents, set their hands.

Morris Albert Linton, Jr.
Joan Sullivan Linton

And we, having been present at the solemnization of the said marriage, did, as witnesses thereto, set our hands.

Eileen Clements Sullivan	David M. Angle
Elizabeth Linton Jacob	Charles J. Allen Jr.
	Hubert R. Taylor

(Copy of the original document, to be filed with the minutes of Harford Monthly Meeting)

First Day School has jumped from approximately 55 for last year to 80 for this year. More volunteers are needed as teachers, pre-school assistants, and supplies assistants. The First Day School will sing carols at 10:30 each Sunday morning until Christmas, and on December 20 at 10 a.m. they will have a special program stressing the needs of Algerian refugees. Books have been ordered for use of the senior girls' class.

The Nominating committee requests anyone who cannot continue in a particular position until May, 1960 to notify them in writing.

The Connecticut Friends Committee on Social Order submitted a report which included the following points:

1) a request that the Meeting appoint some members, preferably two, to serve on this committee, one of whom could come from outside the Peace and Social Concerns committee.

2) a request for volunteers in the Hartford area to: read and clip items from the Hartford newspapers, answer pro-capital-punishment letters to the editor, contact new candidates as well as current legislators, and do limited clerical work such as typing lists and short research materials.

3) a request that Ed Manice be invited to give a short report at the Meeting for Business on the Friends Conference on Crime and the treatment of offenders.

4) the committee is planning a handbook of factual information on capital punishment which would be available to new legislators in late 1960. Robert Noble of the Wilton Meeting would like to speak on this to all aooperating Meetings. It will be necessary for the Meetings to underwrite the cost of this project.

5) a conference on Capital Punishment will be held on May 2, 1960.
(R. Conant)

The Meeting will invite Ed Manice and Robert Noble to speak briefly at the Meeting for Business in February.

Our library will display material available on China in anticipation of the cooperative meeting on China in February. The library is currently conducting a sale of worldly books for benefit of the school at Ramallah.

The Whitworths will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversayy on December 23. Frances Zane will be glad to deliver any small gift to them.

Mrs. Judith Law was approved as admissions chairman for the Nursery School, as requested by the Nursery School board. (R. Wojan)

The suggestion was approved that the Clerk write a reminder for the Bulletin concerning the responsibility and joy of attending Meeting for Business.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

1/14/60 The Meeting for Business opened with a period of silence and the readi of Query 4. Thirty-six attended. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

Announcements were made that Andre Trochme would be at Storrs on January 15, and that a ticket was available for the Rufus Jones lecture on January 29 in New York City. Wendall Stephan will speak at the Meeting House on January 21. Francis Helfrick will attend the Clerk's Conference at Woolman Hill on January 23 and 24. Quarterly Meeting will be held here on February 7.

Those bringing food for the Fellowship luncheons are requested to prepare it as completely as possible in advance in order to shorten the time necessary for serving luncheon.

Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership by application Richard N. Boulton and Agnes Ormond Boulton as active members, and their children Alexander Ormond Boulton and Benjamin Stokes Boulton as associate members. Also recommended by transfer from the Green Streen Monthly Meeting, Germantown, Pa. were John V. Hardiman and Eva J. Hardiman as active members and their children Christopher Hardiman and Josephine Hardiman as associate members. Both recommendations were approved. Mary Jane Carpenter and John Stamm will call on the Boultons; Lester and Jill Smith will call on the Hardimans.

Friends were urged to send individual or family reports and other suggestions on spiritual condition to Wendell Clepper for correlation in the annual report on the spiritual condition of the Meeting.

The Treasurer's report showed contributions to the General Fund for 1959 of $5,958.90, just $241.10 short of the goal. Building Fund contributions totalled $1,096.00, exceeding the amound needed by $96. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

The annual report of the Recorder drew to our attention two noteworthy facts: this is our twentieth anniversary as an organized Friends Meeting and this fall will mark our tenth year in the Meeting House. The total membership os 202, including 12 from Storrs. The gain during 1959 was 13 members. The average attendance at Sunday Meeting for worship was estimated at 58 in Hartford Meeting and seven at Storrs. The report of the Recorder was placed on fil and approved with appreciation.

The Nominating committee recommended the following appointments for th remainder of the term ending May, 1960:

Assistant clerk: Jeanette Purdy, to replace Mabel Bailey
First Day School Committee co-chairman: Beverly Stamm, to replace
Moses Bailey
Elsa Cullen
Representative to Council of Churches: Don Noel, to replace Moses Bai
Peace and Social Concersn committee: Scott Nielson, new member

The report was approved.

The Connecticut Friends Committee on Social Order has requested the Hartford Monthly Meeting to designate two representatives to the committee. Richard Conant was approved as one, and the Nominating committee will try to find a second member who is interested in serving. Until then the Peace and Social Concerns committee will supply a second temporary representative.

The First Day School reported 91 children enrolled as the new year begins, with the largest group of 17 in the pre-school age group. On January 1 the Religious Education Committee will hold a meeting with the First Day School teachers as a step toward establishing an over-all curriculum for all classes.

Appreciation of the Meeting was expressed for the Christmas programs presented by the First Day School.

A "Friendly Trader" plan was agreed on, with Paul Butterworth temporarily filling the role of Trader, and James Carpenter offering transportation of items. Members were invited to file lists of household items which are available for loan, gift, or sale to other members.

The Library committee has available some mimeographed material on China in preparation for the Meeting on February 19 at the Burns School, when James Duncan will speak on "Communist China--a Time for Reappraisal". On April 30 at the Regional Meeting of the AFSC Douglas Steere will speak on his recent tour of Africa and the Near East.

The adult discussion group will resume on Sunday, February 21, at 10 a.m. with considerat on of JB and the Book of Job, led by Alexander Purdy. This group will meet on the third Sunday of each month.

The Management committee emphasized the need to keep children out of the boiler room because of the great danger. They will investigate the advisability of obtaining an automatic cut-off for the boiler.

The Hartford Council of Churches has as its new Executive, Dr. Arthur Rindon. It is interesting to note that the Rindons both have Friendly backgounds.

The Bulletin committee expects to present a budget at the February Meeting for Business. They express appreciation for the carefully prepared committee reports which so greatly facilitate preparation of the Bulletin.

The Building Expansion committee will continue as seems advisable on the basis of experience during 1959-1960 in using properties on Maplewood Ave. for First Day School. There seems to be no need to consider any immediate construction.

The Yearly Meeting has been offered a house in Hingham, Mass., to be used as a Friends Home for older prople. It will be so used for approximately five years on a trial basis, replacing the Huntington Home in Amesbury which is no longer suitable. (Mabel Bailey)

Two legislative studies are currently under way on capital punishment.

Following a brief period of silence, the Meeting adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

2/11/60 The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends opened its regular Meeting for Business with a few minutes of silence and the reading of an excerpt from "Advices and Queries", a leaflet of the London Friends. The Minutes were corrected and approved. Thirty-two attended.

The assistant clerk reported a general state of health among members of the Meeting. Nellie Purdy is in town; letters have been received from the Whitworth family and Alexander Wehle. (J. Purdy)

A Minute regarding the Whitworth Memorial Meeting was approved and plac with the records. Ministry and Counsel will assume duty of keeping the mailing list up to date, including the dropping or addition of names. A tentative report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting was presented. Friends willconsider the report further at the next Meeting.

The Meeting decided to send a Minute to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting with the suggestion that future Quarterly Meetings open and close as nearly as possible on the times scheduled, and that any business left over be deferred until the close of the scheduled program which customarily follows the Meeting for Business.

Appreciation was expressed to the Hospitality committee for their efficiency during the Quarterly Meeting, when so many dinners were served with a minimum of evident confusion.

The Meeting accepted the suggestion of Guilford that we try having a summer Quarterly Meeting at Guilford during 1960.

Friends were urged to arrive at the Meeting for Worship more promptly. There is always someone of the First Day School staff in attendance early enough so that parents can get to Meeting for Worship quite on time.

There was no monthly report from the Treasurer. The Annual Report of the Treasurer for 1959 was approved. The Annual Report of the Auditor was approved. (G. Halford)

The Budget for 1960 was discussed in detail but was put aside to be further considered at an Adjourned Meeting because of the pressure of time. Thi meeting will be called at the discretion of the Clerk.

The Adult Education committee, in announcing the program for the late winter and spring, commented on the poorly attended evening programs and asked consideration of whether or not they should be continued. The speakers are outstanding, the cost is not inconsiderable, and the attendance so far this year has not always warranted their presentation.

New membership lists are available.

The Nominating committee recommended as representative to the Connecticut Friends Committee on Social Order, Jeanne Clepper, and as a member of Mi istry and Counsel during the absence of Moses Bailey, Mary Jane Carpenter. Bot were approved.

At the 59th Annual Meeting of the Greater Hartford Council of Churches, on February 8, Dr. Arthur O. Rinden was installed as Executive Secretary, succeeding John Chester Smith.

Several of the High School girls of the Meeting are in New York attending the AFSC-UN Seminar on Population Explosion. We shall look forward to hearing of this experience when they return.

Robert Noble of the Wilton Monthly Meeting spoke briefly of the work of the Friends Committee on Social Order in the direction of abolition of capital punishment. They are currently working on a brochure for the use of legislators and others.

Ed Manice gave a report of National Conference of Friends at Germantown, Ohio, on "Crime and the Treatment of Offenders", at which he represented the New England Yearly Meeting in November 12-15, 1959.

Hugh Moore told of the tremendous need and the efforts of Friends to help meet that need among the refugees of Algeria. To date 500,000 pounds of materials have been sent, mostly to Tunisia. When 15,000 blankets were called for a week ago, they were purchased immediately and flown over by the State Department.

Friends were most grateful for the~~xe~~ opportunity to hear of these activities.

David Henly will attend the Meeting for Worship and the Fellowship luncheon on February 21. Carol and Robert Mills, missionaries from Kenya, will attend the Meeting and luncheon on February 28.

Following a brief period of silence, the Meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterwork, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

2/11/60 An Adjourned Meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was called by the Clerk immediately following the regular Meeting for Business for the purpose of considering the Budget for 1960.

The Budget was discussed at length and was accepted as corrected. Appreciation was expressed to the committee and to the Treasurer for their work on the Budget and for their patience in explaining it.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

3/10/60 The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends opened with a few minutes of silence and the reading of the First Query. Thirty-one attended. The Minutes were approved as read.

The High School girls of the Meeting reported on their week-end at the United Nations during which they considere Population Explosions. They expressed appreciation for assistance toward the expenses of the conference.

Announcement was made of the Friends General Conference to be held at Cape May, New Jersey, from June 24 to July 1. Heads of Meeting committees will meet Tuesday evening, March 15, at 7:45. Family Sunday will be observed during April on Easter Day.

The New England Yearly Meeting will be held on June 21 to June 26 at Bowdoin College. At the opening session on Tuesday evening, Moses Bailey will speak on "Teacher of Righteousness."

Mrs. Whitworth is getting along well and will appreciate callers.

The financial report for January 1 to February 29, 1960 was accepted as read. It stated that "The amount of our 1960 budget for the General Fund is now $9,700 and the estimated amount to be received from interest and dividends, use of the building, and from Nursery School amounts to $1,800. This leaves a balance of $7,900 to be raised by individual contributions, or approximately $658 a month." Friends were urged to specify which part of their pledge is to go into the Expansion Fund if they so desire. However, if the member wishes the Finance committee to allocate the contribution as needed, he should so specify. Another way would be for each contributor to divide his contribution proportionately, about five to one. The suggestion was made that, if at the end of the year, there is a surplus in the General Fund, disposal of this surplus should be determined at a Meeting for Business. Attention was called to a concern for increasing our financial outreach into other areas.

The tentative report on the Spiritual Contidion of the Meeting was discussed at length and accepted with minor correction. Appreciation was expressed for the freshness and excellent expression of the report.

It was suggested that we discuss one of the testimonies of the Society of Friends at the next Meeting for Business if there is time. The Clerk will be happy to have Friends indicate their wishes on this.

There will be a Family Week-end at Woolman Hill on May 6,7, and 8 which needs 15 adults attending in order to make it financially successful. The Meetin agreed to underwrite the week-end in case 15 will be unable to attend.

The Use Committee's annual report showed that seven outside groups, including the Nursery School, Planned Retirement group , and the International Visitors Committee, have used the building. Members expressed the hope that the Meeting House can be used to its fullest possible extent, to increase our outreac in the community. Management committees will seek out suitable ways to increase use of the building.

On April 24, J. D. Salinger's Catcher in the Rye will be discussed by Prof. Frederick L. Gwynn as part of the adult education program.

A scholarship for the nursery school is available for next year. Anyone seeking information may call Jeanne Clepper.

The Duncan program on February 19 was attended by approximately 380 persons, including a goodly number of Friends. Peace and Social Concerns reported spending the following monies during the past year:

$50. to the Friends Committee on Social Order
50. to the FCNL
25. to the Central Committee on Conscientious Objectors

Peace and Social Concerns would like to have someone who will show the film, "Alternatives", in the Hartford area. They will bring a specific recommendation to the next Meeting for Business.

Also, at the next meeting, George Halford will report on the possibility of the adoption of a refugee family.

The Storrs group is considering asking to become a regular Monthly Meeting. Friends are urged to visit them. (T. Bodine)

After a few moments of silence the Meeting adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Garnette Johnson, Recording Clerk

4/14/60 The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends opened with a few minutes of silence. ~~and the reading of the First Query. Thirty-one attended.~~ The Minutes were approved as read.

Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership: Priscilla LaChance; Frances Zane and Ellen Paullin will visit her. Frank and Emily McDonnell, by certificate, from Reading, Pennsylvania, Monthly Meeting; Margaret Morrison and Edith Clapp will visit. For active membership, from associate membership, Lucia Barber; the Clerk will write to Lucia. All were approved.

Ministry and Counsel wishes to increase its membership from six to nine because of the increased size of the Meeting. Approved. Appointment will be referred to the Nominating Committee for recommendation of three additional members to be appointed at the next Meeting for Business, with terms of one year, two years, and three years respectively. The Clerk has spoken to the Teen-age committee and to Ministry and Counsel on the significance and meaning of full membership for High School Friends.

The Treasurer's report was approved as given.

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted as effective on April 15, 1960.

A concern was expressed for a lack of unity and closeness among Meeting members.

Appreciation was expressed to the Nominating committee for carrying out so well a difficult task. The committee recommendation for incorporation of the person serving liaison with college age Friends into the Young Friends committee was approved. A list of committee members will be printed and mailed. The Clerk is working on a list of Hartford Friends working on committees in the larger Quaker community.

Fritz Semmler was approved to replace John Stamm on the Nominating committee.

Don Noel, representing the Council of Churches, pointed out that the recommended contribution of each member church to the Council is 2% of its own budget, which would bring our contribution to $160 from our present pledge of $50. The Meeting put the matter aside for further consideration.

Annual reports will be ready for the next meeting.

The Meeting feels it should like to discuss the whole problem of givin at some future Meeting for Business.

The Trustees of the Maplewood Avenue properties reported that we are very fortunate to have helpful, cooperative tenants in both buildings. The present arrangement has several long-range benefits to the Meeting, including the potential ownership of two useful properties, in good repair, one of which is almost debt-free now. Short-range benefits include the use of rooms for Firs Day school for reasonable sums. We are grateful to Paul Butterworth under whose spirit this arrangement came into being. (T. Bodine) Appreciation was expresse for the report of the Trustees, and for the work of the Trustees.

Quarterly Meeting will be held in New Haven on May 1.

On April 30 Douglas Steere will speak in Hartford under the auspices of the AFSC. On May 15 a Fellowship luncheon will honor the Purdys,and on May 16 a tea will be given for Jeanette Pudy by Ruth Spalding and Ruth Mitchell. The Friends Seminar Program will be given in April 26-30 in Washington. The Friends World Committee will meet at Woolman Hill on April 22-24. Friends Camp at South China will be available for young people in July and August. The Young Friends Committee of N.A. will meet in New England May 6 to 21.

The Meeting adjourned following a few minutes of silence.

Note: These Minutes were not approved by the Meeting for Business.
GJ

5/12/60 The Meeting was opened with a few moments of silence and the reading of a quotation concerning the Meeting for Worship whic was taken from the Bulletin of the Cambridge Meeting.

Margaret Clepper, associate member, gave a report about the visit to our Meeting of Fran Warren, representative of the You Friends Committee of North America. This Committee has the purpos of enabling Young Friends to meet on a national level to work on common problems, and common concerns, and on deepening their spiri al lives. The five sub-committees consider: Conference Planning; The Periodical (a monthly newsletter); Intervisitation; East-West Contacts; and Volunteer Service. This summer they will hold a Caravan to bring young Friends from the Cape May Conference to the Five Years Meeting.

The Treasurer, Clarence Jessel, reported that as of April 30 the contributions to the General Fund exceeded the estimated goal, while contributions to the Expansion Fund lagged behind.

The Woolman Hill Family Weekend was a happy occasion attended by 30 ~~mf~~ of our members, 17 of them children.

The Nominating Committee reported that they had learned that the Council for Special Services to Older People was no longer needed since a Center had been opened in West Hartford for this group. They suggested the following additional members for Ministry and Counsel: 3-year term, George Halford; 2-year term Lois Williams; 1-year term, Paul Cullen. The Meeting approved these nominations.

Several announcements were made including that of the birth of Alaric Carl Wojan on April 19th, son of Ruth and Bernard Wojan.

Annual reports were presented by the following committees and are filed with the minutes:

- Bulletin Committee
- Maintenance Committee
- Adult Education Committee
- First Day School Committee
- Ministry and Counsel
- Ushers Committee
- Sewing Committee

Don Noel of Peace and Social Concerns Committee introduced Bradford Lytel who spoke to us of the Committee for Non-Violent Action and their plan to organize a demonstration this summer at Groton, Conn. in relation to the missile-firing submarine. He stressed that the peace education problem is one of reaching the people of our country who now support violence as part of U.S. international policy.

After a brief silence the meeting was closed.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

6/9/60 The Meeting opened with a period of silence, and then the reading of Querie No. 8.

The Clerk read several letters from Friends, one of which was from Jeannette and Alexander Purdy, expressing appreciation for the farewell dinner shared with many Friends, last month at the Meeting House.

Ministry and Counsel recommends for membership in the Meeting, Storrs E. and Shirley B. Olds, and for Associate Membership their children Anson S. and Melinda Joan Olds. They are from Storrs, Conn. Friends approved this recommendation. Francis Helfrick and Fritz Semmler offered to make the welcoming call on the new family. The Committee also reports a plan to sponsor some regional fellowship and discussion groups this Fall, these discussions centering on the Meeting for Worship and the Meeting for Business. This plan would be worked out with the Committee o Adult Education, as part of their "5 year plan" for an educational program.

Marguerite Marsh read a list of all the workers on the Bulleti Committee, through the years. This complete history is filed wit the minutes.

The report of the Treasurer was read; it is filed with the minutes. It was pointed out that contributions are falling behin and Friends were reminded of current expense needs.

The Bulletin Committee proposed adding Carol DeCou Howard and Frances DeCou to the Committee list announced last month, and thi proposal was accepted by the Meeting.

The Adult Education Committee made the following recommendatio

That evening lectures be omitted for 1 year.

That the Discussion Groups be continued, each Sunday morni from 10 to 11, except Family Sunday. Arrangements have bee made for supervision of young children during this hour.

The Annual Report of Hospitality Committee was read to-night, since the Chairman had been unable to attend the May Meeting. Thi report is on file.

The Nominating Committee reported that Tim Cheney has had to r sign chairmanship of Adult Education Committee because of pressur of work. John Stamm was suggested and approved for this post.

Sewing Committee announced receipt of new materials recently, which may necessitate an extra meeting this Summer. Decision on this meeting was left to the two co-chairmen.

Fritz Semmler made a report on the Spring Dinner Meeting of th Greater Hartford Council of Churches, which he and his wife atte in May (in East Hartford).

Sunday School Committee reported a coordination plan with Adul Education Committee, to provide for supervision of children duri the 10 to 11 o'clock group discussions Sunday mornings. First School will open Sep. 18th. It will be a 2-hour program this co season, starting on the first Sunday. When Adult Discussions sta there will also be a program from 10 - 11 for the children.

It was decided to suspend Sunday Fellowship luncheons for the Summer, except for some special visitor or occasion.

Since this is World Refugee Year, Paul Butterworth started relating the history of the Meeting's work with refugees and displaced persons; with notes from Tom Bodine and Edith Clapp, he reported on the following persons, all in one family:

Friedl Weinberg, Kurt Weinberg, Emil and Elsa Loeb, Nellie F

The Meeting requested Paul to continue this discussion, at futur successive meetings, so much interest was shown.

Libby Butterworth, Clerk

Virginia Costales, Recording Clerk
Pro-Tem

9/8/60 The Meeting opened with a short period of silent worship.

Several events of the summer were reviewed. A summer Quarterly Meeting was held for the first time in our Quartely Meeting. This was held August 7th at Guilford, Conn. and was attended by more than 60 persons. Reports were made on New England Yearly Meeting and on the Cape May Meeting of the General Conference of Friends. John Frazier visiting our Meeting reported on the Conference at Avon-On-Winnepesaukee and showed slides.

During the summer two members of our Meeting dies. At the memorial service held in the Meeting House for Frank McDonnel, Moses Bailey presided. At the request of her family the services for Alexandra Wehle were held at a Funeral Home and Glenn Roberts spoke.

Ministry and Counsel presented for membership the name of Daphne Hodgson Brown of Winsted, Conn. This was approved by the Meeting. Don O. Noel and Elizabeth Bradford Noel were requested to make the welcoming visit to Daphne Brown.

Also approved for membership were Archibald Meshenuk and Dorothy Evans Meshenuk, and for associate membership their children Darianne Martha, Christine Low and Michael Charles. George Halford and Margaret Morrison will call on the Meshenuk family.

Ministry & Counsel further reported that Agnes DeCou Budd, a member of our Meeting, has requested that she may be married in our Meeting House after the manner of Friends on October 8th to S. Walter Jones. The Meeting appointed Marguerite Marsh and Edith Clapp to visit with Agnes Budd and Tom Bodine and some other Friend chosen by him to visit Walter Jones.

The Adult Education Committee will begin in October a program of discussion meetings twice a month on First Day morning from 10-11 A.M. The first sessions will consider the Peace Testimony of Friends. The First Day School will begin its usual program of classes from 11-12 September 18th. Beginning with October 2nd they will offer also an expanded program from 10-11 A.M. with singing, projects and films. Fellowship luncheons will also begin 9-18-60.

Quarterly Meeting was announced to be planned for October 2nd in Middle Conn. Valley (The Peoples Institute, 38 Gothic Street, Northampton, Mass.). The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel will be held on October 1st at Woolman Hill, Mass. Representatives and alternates appointed by the Meeting were Theodore Paullin, Richard Boulton, Ellen Paullin and Helen Ridgeway.

The Committee on Peace and Social Concerns reported that New England Yearly Meeting reminded Friends that 1960 is the 300th anniversary of the First Statement of the Friends' Peace Testimony. They suggested that Monthly Meeting hold Rededication Ceremonies on October 15-17th. On October 23rd and 24th there will be a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to present petitions to the President. The Meeting approved the request of the Committee that notices concerning these events be sent out to the members and attenders of the Meeting.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported that it pla another public meeting to be held 2-6-61, the speaker to be Henr Hitt Crane, a Methodist Minister from Detroit and board member of the F.O.R., who will speak on Pacifism and the Christian Witness.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting had discussed the problem of formulating a statement on Capital Punishment to be forwarded vi the General Conference to the National Council of Churches of C After some discussion it was decided by the Meeting for Business that this matter be set aside until opportunity could be found further discussion perhaps in adult discussion groups. The problem is one of whether we are ready to urge the General Conferen to affiliate with the National Council of Churches as we weigh the advantages of its purposes and achievements with the requirement of agreeing with its religious statement which may not be acceptable to all Friends.

The Meeting approved sending our Monthly Bulletin to our young Friends now away at College.

Ministry and Counsel reported that Craig Zane asked to have his membership transferred to the Unitarian Church in Washington D.C. This was approved by the Meeting.

The report of the Treasurer for the period ending August 3 is filed with the minutes. It indicates contributions to both the General Fund and theExpansion Fund lag behind expectations, and notes that contributions are needed to meet our obligations to New England Yearly Meeting and American Friends Service Committee.

After a moment of silence the Meeting adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

10/13/60 After some moments of silent worship the Meeting open

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk announced that on the following First Day our Meeting would participate in the program of rededication to the Quaker Peace Witness and the Meeting for Worship would be more of a programmed Meeting than usual centered on this Testimony. The Peace Pledge would be available for signature by those Fri who wished to sign. Preceding the Meeting for Worship the discussion group would consider the Peace Testimony. Following the Meeting, and in place of the usual Fellowship Luncheon, a frug meal would be served and contributions accepted for a donation to the United Nations.

The Clerk announced that Vice President Nixon would be in Hartford on First Day 10/16/60. She suggested that since he is a Quaker he might be sent a note of welcome to attend our Meeting. The Business Meeting approved and asked the clerk to send such a message.

The planned Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. in connection with the Peace Witness was discussed by Ellen Paullin, who worked on plans with the New England office of American Friends Service Committee. It was agreed that concerned Friends unable to go might wish to contribute toward costs. Richard Conant agreed to handle this and make information available about travel plans to those wishing to go.

Ministry and Counsel announced a plan for a number of study fellowship groups to be held in various neighborhoods. This is part of an effort to find some means of pastoral work among Friends in the Meeting. The groups have been organized by Lois Williams and Mary Jane Carpenter and 7 hostesses will hold them in the various regions where our members live. Letters will be sent out by each hostess to invite her guests.

Ministry and Counsel expressed its special concern for members or attenders who may have personal problems in which the Meeting might tender assistance. They plan to draw up a panel of Friends especially qualified to assist and urge that Friends desiring help at any time approach any member of Ministry and Counsel for direction to a suitable helping person.

Ministry and Counsel further reported that Ruth Lilienthal requested transfer of her membership from Middle Connecticut Valley to our Meeting, and also transfer of her children Robinson and Eva Lilienthal as associate members. The Meeting approved warmly. Margaret Morrison and the Jessels offered to make the welcoming visit.

Alice Cheney applied for affiliate membership in our Meeting and Sally Cheney previously an associate member, requested full membership. The Meeting approved. Virginia Costales and Elsa Cullen were asked to make the welcoming visit to Alice Cheney. Alexander and Jeannette Purdy were asked to visit Sally Cheney.

Concern was expressed about newspaper publicity which has been provided in Hartford for our Meeting for Worship as the newspapers have withdrawn the previous free notices offered to local churches. This was referred to Ministry and Counsel to make an appropriate plan and arrange financing with the Treasurer.

The marriage of Agnes DeCou Budd and Walter S. Jones took place at a Meeting for Worship held in the Meeting House on Saturday, October 8th, 1960, according to the manner of Friends.

Richard Boulton, representative from our Meeting, reported on Quarterly Meeting held October 2nd at Woolman Hill in Massachusetts. Ted Paullin and Tom Bodine spoke of the Pleasant Street Meeting in Worcester. The Quarterly Meeting adopted a minute inviting members of that Meeting to attend the next Quarterly Meeting and expressed concern that they affiliate with some larger group of Friends.

There was discussion of our manner of planning our Meetin for Business. Concern was expressed that more opportunity be found for presenting the outreach of the Meeting and more information to help in our understanding of the work of the Friends Service Committee. It was agreed that this matter might be referred to a Meeting of Chairmen of Committees.

There was reported a TV program service recently presented concerning Friends Committee Meeting and the plan for a furt program to be presented next March which is being planned by a Committee of Don Noel, Brad Noel and Paul Cullen.

Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel requested that our Meeting consider the Queries of the New England Yearly Meeti for possible revision. It was felt that Monthly Meeting mig profit from such review of the queries. It was brought out Hartford Meeting has drawn up its own queries which should be considered together with those of the Yearly Meeting.

After a period of silent worship the Meeting was adjourned,

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, recording Clerk

11/10/60 The Meeting opened with a period of silence during which the Clerk read a paragraph on Prayer from the writings of Howard Brinton. The minutes were approved after correctio

Ministry and Counsel announced that a Meeting for Worship would be held on Thanksgiving Day. Also that Alison Davis, of the Meeting at Storrs had urged Friends from Hartford to that Meeting. They reported that they had considered the ques of paying for notices in the Hartford papers concerning our ing for Worship and recommended that this not be done because the expense. It was noted that visiting Friends can locate Meeting through the listing in the yellow pages of the telep book in the section on churches. The Meeting approved this commendation.

The Neighborhood Fellowship groups were in the main quite successful and some groups are planning further meetings. An effort will be made to find an opportunity for those unable attend the earlier meetings.

The Clerk made several announcements.

On 11/15/60 sessions were held at Cambridge for Committees of New England Yearly Meeting. Of special interest were the cussions of the Mission Board concerning work in Africa for education which would help to prepare the people for national independence.

The Secretary of Yearly Meeting, Louis Marstaller had re ted the request from Five Years Meeting that intervisitation between members of different Yearly Meetings be encouraged a stressing of the spiritual values to be fostered by such intervisitation. The Clerk urged Friends who could find the opportunity to plan visits in the area of the New York and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting areas or farther afield as they way might open.

The Clerk noted that one of the Neighborhood Fellowship Groups had commented on our sometimes failing to be aware of Friends from afar who were visiting at our Meeting for Worship. It had been suggested that it might be well that opportunity be offered for such Friends to introduce themselves at the rise of the Meeting. The Meeting expressed agreement with having the Clerk at the rise of Meeting for Worship make a simple introduction or request for visiting Friends to introduce themselves. There was further discussion of how visiting Friends or attenders at the Meeting for Worship might be made aware of other planned activities of interest to them. Concern was expressed less too many oral notices spoil the tone of the Worship. It was suggested that extra copies be made available of the calendar from our Bulletin. It was agreed that an Ad Hoc committee of the clerks should be asked to consider how the mimeographing of this extra page might best be arranged.

The Treasurer reported that contributions had improved in the 1st two months but were still behind our goals. The detailed report is filed with the minutes.

First Day School Committee announced that our Carol Sing will be held on December 11th at the home of the Robert Mooneys, and that on December 18th the First Day Schools observance of Christmas would be held from 10 to 11 A.M. followed by the Meeting for Worship, a special Fellowship Dinner and the family party.

Sewing Committee announced that 4 sessions have been held this fall averaging 280 pounds of clothing prepared at each. This is now being sent to Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Southern Italy. Esther Rhoads is to head the Friends Service Committee work in North Africa. Friends were encouraged to help with the work and to contribute low heeled shoes and warm clothing.

Peace and Social Concerns announced that 6 members of our Meeting plan to participate in the Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. At the frugal meal $50.00 was raised as a contribution to the U.N. The group interested in Capital Punishment is drawing up plans for work during the next session of the Connecticut Legislature which begins in January.

Among concerns mentioned was the suggestion that some Friends might help in chopping up for firewood some dead trees that had been felled on our property. The Friends Service Committee reported that 48 Indonesian families had been brought to the United States, and that Robert Lyons of the North East office hoped to be able to visit in Cuba.

After a brief period of silence the Meeting adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

12/8/60 The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship and t reading by the Clerk of a selection from the 1906 Epistle of the London Yearly Meeting.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

Announcement was made of a Young Friends Conference to be he December 29th and 30th, and of a Clerks Meeting to be held at Woo Hill on January 20th to 22nd. Friends were advisef of a request financial help by the China Camp Committee.

Ministry and Counsel reported that they hoped to have availa shortly the new list of names and addresses of members and attend They reported that the Study Fellowship Groups had been stimulati and that some groups were continuing with further meetings. The suggestions from these groups will continue to be reported to the Business Meeting. First impressions showed several Friends felt need for more Bible Study. The Adult Education Committee had bee advised of this and is planning its program so as to devote some time to this.

Ministry and Counsel had appointed a Committee to look into procedures possible at the time of death that would be in keeping with our Testimony of Simplicity. A preliminary report was made this Meeting. This included a statement, based on figures obtai from a local undertaker, of the necessary costs of cremation or a modest burial. There was information also on the procedures necessary for willing a body to a medical school or eyes to the eye bank. Concerning the cemetary plot on the Meeting House grounds we were reminded that it had been decided at an earlier Business Meeting that ashes might be placed on the grounds but th no further burials should be allowed here. The Meeting expressed appreciation of the work of the Committee and urged them to make this information available in the form of a small pamphlet. At request of this Committee it was decided to appoint a permanent Committee whose members would be available to assist with arrange ments at the time of death.

The Treasurer's report to November 30th indicated that contr utions to both the General Fund and the Expansion Fund were belo goals but that this year our budget for the General Fund was 20% bigger than last year and our Expansion Fund 50% bigger.

It was reported that we were successful in obtaining 25 extr copies of the page of our monthly Bulletin which contains the calendar for the month. These are available for attenders who ma be interested in our planned activities. The Meeting approved a suggestion that we offer to meet the cost of stock and enveloped the Bulletin (and other mailings) and the Bulletin Committee agr to follow up on discussing this matter with Carol DeCou Howard w has been responsible for processing and mailing our Bulletin.

The Sewing Committee noted its pleasure in receiving 500 pa of hand-made mittens from the ladies of the Grange in Connecticu

The Education Committee reported that adult discussion gr would recess for the last two weeks of December and beginning in

January, would take up the topic of Jesus' quotations from the Old Testament. They noted also the public lecture planned by Peace and Social Concerns Committee for February when Henry Hitt Crane will speak on disarmament and the Christian Church.

In discussing the Quarterly Meeting to be held at our Meeting House on February 5th the Meeting approved a recommendation that there be no charge for children at the luncheon in order that families with children might be encouraged to attend. In order to attend to the many practical details of arranging quarterly meeting it was proposed that John Stamm and Alice Fox call together an appropriate committee. This was approved.

Management Committee reported a problem concerning the way that the room where we worship had been used by Young Friends of First Day School age. A number of parents spoke to their desire to take this up with the Young Friends in the spirit of helping them understand what was involved. The Meeting approved and a committee to carry this out was named consisting of Patricia Ritter, John Stamm and Cynthia Reik.

The First Day School Committee clarified its plans by stating that 10 o'clock sessions will be held only when Adult Discussion Group is meeting, but 11 l'clock sessions on each First Day except for Family Sunday. It was announced that our Annual Christmas Dinner and Family Party would be held this year on December 18th.

There was further duscussion of the proposal that we approve the Friends' General Conference joining the National Conference of Churches and whether we could subscribe to the preamble to the Council's statement of purpose. Because of lack of unity this matter was held over to a later meeting.

A report on the Washington Pilgrimage was made noting its deep spiritual impact and the contribution of $30,000 to the United Nations. Seven members of our Meeting attended.

The Meeting approved the Admissions Chairman appointed by the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School.

After a brief period of silence the Meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

1/21/61 The Meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read a paragraph on God from the epistle of the London Yearly Meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Clerk announced that Clarence Jessel desired to resign as Treasurer because of his health and plans to make a trip to Europe. The Meeting accepted with regret and several Friends spoke appreciatively of his faithful and kindly service.

Paul Butterworth spoke of the death on December 25th of Fath Selivanosky, a Russian refugee, whose family was aided by the Me ing when they first came to this country. His wife and daughte are now planning to move to Rochester to live with the married daughter. A farewell gift was proposed to help with the expens of moving and Paul Butterworth agreed to accept contributions f those who wished to give.

Wendell Clepper as chairman of Ministry and Counsel spoke the Horowitz family, members of our Meeting who left Hartford years ago. During the past six years nothing has been heard fr them and efforts to locate them have been unsuccessful. Ministr and Counsel recommended dropping these names from our membershi list. The Meeting approved.

The Treasurer reported that contributions to the General Fu of $6,905.41 during 1960 were $157 short of the amount budgete Fortunately expenditures were lower than expected. Contributi to the expansion fund also were short by $335. Clarence Jessel pointed out that the amount raised was the largest amount ever raised by the Meeting.

The Finance Committee presented the proposed budget for 19 Robert Mooney, Chairman, pointed out the changes in the budget. An allowance for accounting services has been added because wi our larger Meeting the Treasurer's job has become heavy and ne this assistance. Larger support for Woolman Hill has been urg so that our contribution has been increased. The contributio to Yearly Meeting has been increased by $100. Thomas Bodine spoke of his hope that we might consider making a larger contr ution. We are currently making the suggested contribution of $6.50 per person. However members of our Meeting may be bette able financially to help the Yearly Meeting than those in some the other Meetings. Several Friends spoke of the interest in preserving a photographic record of our Meeting. Several have taken pictures and will be happy to continue. It was agreed t the Meeting should meet the cost of films and $25.00 was added the Library budget for this purpose. In summary we were remin that the proposed budget was larger than that for the past yea by several hundred dollars. The Meeting approved the budget a presented.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported that precedi the talk by Henry Hitt Crane on February 6th a tea will be ser at the Meeting House. Also that the Friends Committee on Soci Order planned its next meeting here on 1/17/61 to consider pla for supporting the abolition of capitol punishment in the comi legislative session. A subcommittee of Peace and Social Conce Committee was proposed to plan a weekend work camp project and to be chaired by Cynthia Reik. The Meeting approved this vent

Nominating Committee announced that Cynthia Reik, will con tinue as liasion with the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery Scho They suggested that the new Memorial Committee be composed of members with one member to be replaced each year. They propos Paul Butterworth as chairman; Katherine Locke, Glenn Roberts a

Moses Bailey. The Meeting approved.

Robert Mooney spoke of our concern over the situation at Georgia University; Marguerite Marsh offered to compose a letter of appreciation to the persons who stood by the two negroes who enrolled at the University.

After a period of silence the Meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

2/9/1961 During a period of worship and meditation the Clerk read a paragraph on the meaning of religion from the writings of Rufus Jones.

Assistant Clerk Mabel Bailey reported on progress of Friends who had been ill. She reported also that Mrs. Barbara Mooney would be our representative for the World Day of Prayer.

Paul Butterworth reported that $100 was raised as the Meeting's gift to the Seliwanosky family. He brought to the Meeting a concern that we should provide for sick leave pay for our janitor Robert Kearney who has had to take time from work following an operation. It was noted that he usually worked two hours per day for us at the rate of $1.80 an hour. The Meeting supported this concern and suggested it be referred to the Management Committee for implementation

The recorder Alice Jorgensen presented her annual report on the membership of the Meeting. A copy of this report is filed with the Clerks papers. Our total membership has risen to 224 members including 17 members at Storrs. Alice Jorgensen read a statement expressing her concern that spiritual growth might develop along with our growth in numbers. The Meeting expressed its appreciation of her services of many years. Moses Bailey urged that this her statement be sent to Quaker Life for publication and the Meeting concurred.

The Clerk reported that she had received a request from Priscilla Fabyan, a former attender of our Meeting, asking that she might be married in our Meeting in May. She is now a member of the Middleton Meeting in Langhome, Pennsylvania. They will report to us on their visit to Priscilla Fabyan and her fiance. We will then visit the young couple when they can be in this neighborhood. The Clerk appointed W. Wendell Clepper and Jeanne M. Clepper to this visit and will appoint another man and another women.

Paul Cullen announced that there will be a television program concerning Quakerism to be shown March 19th. For this purpose it is desired to take pictures of our Meeting for Worship. It was suggested that after a regular Meeting had been adjourned those willing to participate could stay and reconvene for worship. The meeting approved this method of handling the matter.

Nominating Committee suggested that James Reik be named Treasurer since Clarence Jessel has resigned. This was approved by the

Meeting. They urged also that due to the increasing colume of work for the Treasurer that an assistant be employed at a small fee to aid the Treasurer. They suggested Ruth Wojan for this work. The Meeting approved.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee announced that they hope to begin a program of work camp weekends soon after February 20th. Cynthia Reik will head this subcommittee.

Ellen Paullin spoke of the current planning of the Executive Committee of the A.F.S.C. There will be an all-day institute of High School Friends which two of our young Friends - Lisa Stamm and Marcia Paullin hope to attend. On Saturday April 1st a peace walk is planned from Lexington, Mass. to Faneuil Hall in Boston, precede by a Peace Vigil in March 31st in front of the Massachusetts State House.

This was followed by a discussion in the Meeting of the possibility that some Friends in the Hartford area might wish to hold a pe walk in this area about the same time.

Elsa Cullen reported for the First Day School Committee that th hope to bring the main objectives of each course of study in to sharp focus during the coming semester. Those in the fourth grade group studying Old Testament will receive a Bible in June and will be expected to earn the Bible by mastering certain fundamentals. She announced that the United Nations would be the subject of the 10 - 11 A.M. program of the First Day School.

Clarence Jessel, Treasurer, noted that the General Fund budget for 1961 is $10,175 and subtracting income expected from other sour $8,525 must be met by contributions from individuals. This would r quire $710 of such contributions monthly.

It was announced that because of the blizzard on the first weekend of February the talk by Henry Hitt Crane had to be cancell The Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford that weekend was postponed and rescheduled for the first weekend in March.

After a period of silence the Meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

3/9/1961 The Meeting opened with a period of worshipful meditatio during which the Clerk read paragraph 320 from the section on the Meeting as Fellowship in the London Discipline.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Assistant Clerk Mabel Bailey reported on Friends who had bee ill. The Clerk reported that in April Tom Bodine and Mabel Bailey would attend the Executive Council of Five Years Meeting. On Marc

23rd Lawrence White of FCNL planned a visit to this area when Friends could meet with him. A Meeting of Chairmen of Committees was planned for later in the month.

Ministry and Counsel presented a preliminary report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting. Several suggestions were made for additions. The Meeting approved that the statement be revised in accordance with those suggestions.

James Reik, Treasurer, reported that a good start had been made on contributions to the Expension Fund with contributions through February of $643.75 and on the General Fund with contributions of $1,593.89. The detailed report is filed with the minutes.

A report on the Quarterly Meeting held here on the first weekend in March noted that it was well attended. Ninety persons were fed in the activities room, 27 Young Friends met at the Carpenter's home, and 43 students of First Day School at the Lilienthals. Friends noted that all went smoothly and the Meeting expressed appreciation of the efforts of the Clerk to see that all necessary arrangements were made.

The Meeting approved accepting the invitation from Guilford that a Quarterly Meeting be held there on the first weekend in August.

The Quarterly Meeting approved a statement on Race Relations. A responsive minute was adopted by Guilford Monthly Meeting. In the Business Meeting there was discussion as to whether the Hartford Meeting should draft its own statement. In the interest of more wide spread participation it was suggested that Peace and Social Concerns present this subject at the discussion group on 3/26 and that it then be brought back to the next business meeting.

Revision of the discipline of the New England Yearly Meeting was discussed at Quarterly Meeting.

The Meeting approved that the Woolman Hill Family Weekend be held 6/9, 6/10 and 6/11 and that a Committee make arrangements to include some programming.

A proposal by the Bulletin Committee that no other material be mailed in the envelope with the bulletin was left open for discussion at a later meeting.

It was announced that plans were moving ahead for the Television program sponsored by the Greater Hartford Council of Churches presenting the Friends Meeting. On the next First Day pictures would be taken of a Meeting for Worship and the First Day School. There would be no sound. A panel of Friends would also be shown on the program to be presented 3/19/61, Moses Bailey will speak on the spiritual beliefs of Friends, Don Noel on foreign service, Ellen Paullin on Peace Testimony and Tom Bodine on the Social Concerns of Friends. The Meeting approved that a motion picture "Kine" of the program be purchased by the Meeting if the program was successful. It was felt that this might be valuable to other

Friends as well as for our own Meeting. The decision was left to Paul Cullen and the four participants in the panel.

Management Committee suggested that the Meeting consider t purchase of insurance that would provide income for our janitor during possible periods of illness. They suggested that half o the cost of such insurance be borne by the Meeting and half by the employee. The Meeting approved that the Committee pursue t suggestion and that an addition be made to next year's budget t provide for this. Finance Committee was asked to consider how funds might be provided for this year. There was some discussio of whether special contributions should be made thru the Treasu for special purposes. - The Meeting approved the purchase of more tables for activities room.

It was requested that the next Business Meeting consider further the report of the Standing Committee on Funeral Arrange

Ben Wojan spoke of a concern of a New Britain man in a med matter which he felt was a matter of conscience. This was refe to the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns.

John Stamm reported for the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns that a Peace Vigil was planned in Boston on Good Friday, March 31st. This was sponsored by the Cambridge Meeting, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the American Friends Service Committee. The Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting planned to send overseers to participate in the management of the vigil. Th Meeting expressed its spiritual support for those in conscience led to participate in the vigil, recognizing also that other Fri might find other ways in which to carry out the Peace Testimony. It was announced that on the same weekend a Peace Walk would be in the Boston area and one in Connecticut from Manchester to the State Capitol in Hartford.

Ellen Paullin requested an opportunity to report in the business meeting on the work of the Friends Service Committee i relation to the Peace Corps now being planned by the Federal Gov ment.

After a brief period of silence the Meeting adjourned.

Elizabeth Butterworth, Clerk

Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

4/13/1961 During the opening period of worshipful meditation, the Clerk read the Beatitudes as they are stated in the New English Bible.

The minutes were read and approved.

Paul Cleaver spoke briefly on the New England Yearly Mee Home fund and presented Mr. McClellan who explained the propos new home for elderly Friends in New England and answered questi about the home and the planned method of financing the necessar alterations in the property that had been donated. Hartford Meeting has asked that the Library be designated as our gift. This would require contributions of over $5,500 during the three-year fund raising period. Paul Cleaver will be in charge of this endeavor in our Meeting, and has asked eight Friends to assist him. He reported that he had already received pledges for $3195. He requested that all pledges and donations be sent through him as our Meeting is responsible for seeing that our pledges are met.

Ministry and Counsel announced that transfer papers from Center Meeting in Port Matilda, Pennsylvania, had been received for Morris R. Way, Constance R. Way and for their children Suzanne Way and James Way. The Meeting accepted these Friends into membership in our Meeting and Suzanne and James Way as Associate members. Margaret Morrison offered to make the welcoming visit to this family and to find someone else to go with her.

Transfer papers were also received by Ministry and Counsel from Campus Monthly Meeting, Wilmington, Ohio, for Fred and Dorothy Wheeler and as associate members, for their children Esther and Clark. The Meeting welcomed these Friends into membership here. Edith Clapp agreed to make the welcoming visit and find another Friend to accompany here.

Eugenia Henry had requested that her membership be dropped. The Meeting accepted this request.

The report on the spiritual condition of the Meeting was read by Wendell Clepper. It was approved by the Meeting with a request that a copy be sent to each member.

Patricia Ritter presented a minute of appreciation of the contributions made to the Meeting by Marguerite Marsh.

The Clerk announced that Quarterly Meeting would be held in New Haven on May 7th, 1961, with Meeting for Worship at 9:45, Business Meeting at 11, and at 1:30 further business and discussion. As representatives the Meeting named John Stamm, Constance and Morris Way and Ruth Lilienthal.

The Meeting expressed thanks to Paul Cullen and to Don and Brad Noel for the ably presented television program portraying our Meeting. The Committee reported that a tape of the program had been purchased and that Friends General Conference had already requested a chance to use this. Arrangements for the use of this film are now in charge of the Public Information Committee.

Sylvia Helfrick reported for the Nominating Committee the officers, committee chairman, and committee members for the coming year. The Meeting approved the nominations and commended the Committee for a difficult job well done.

A report on the work camp was presented by Cynthia Reik and by Richard Conant. Two apartments in Public Housing have been painted for their elderly tenants. The youngsters now participating in the work camp are all members of our First Day School class of seventh and eighth graders. The Golden Age leader and the Tenant Relations Director talked with the group. The youngsters found this a very rewarding experience.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported that fourteen members of our Meeting participated in the local peace walk, seve took part in the vigil at Boston, and several in the walk in the Boston area. They presented a concern that there be an open meeting for discussion of the peace testimony, to promote better unde standing within the Meeting of the thinking of Friends in this ar The Committee requested that some other group take responsibility for presenting this discussion so that Friends would not feel limited to the apporach to this subject which has been voiced by the Committee. The Meeting referred this matter to the Adult Education Committee for planning.

It was announced that a Peace Information Center is being opened in West Hartford at 32 1/2 La Salle Road, sponsored by several peace groups, and will welcome volunteer help.

A conference on Fair Housing to be held at Woolman Hill was announced.

After a brief period of silence, the Meeting was adjourned.

Francis Helfrick
Francis Helfrick, Clerk pro tem
Jeanne Clepper, Recording Clerk

These minutes were approved May 11, 1961.

6/8/1961 The Meeting was opened as usual with silent worship.

The Clerk reported that the Committee lists have been printed and are available for all.

The Clerk also reported that Storrs Indulged Meeting had replied to a letter from us, saying that their Meeting did not feel it could send a Representative to our Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, but asked to borrow from us the new London Discipline, needed for help in a discussion group.

It was decided to send Storrs Meeting three copies of the London Discipline as a gift.

Brad Noel reported for the Public Information Committee. It was approved by the Meeting that about $12.00 be given the Committe from the Contingency Fund, for work during the summer. The Meetin also approved the expanding of our publicity on Friends work of various kinds, when considered suitable. Brad Noel asked for suggestions and help from members on this matter.

Friends agreed that the Use Committee should let it be known that our building is available for meetings, except on Thursday evenings. It was felt that the building has not been used as much as formerly by the community and that we should do what we can to encourage greater use.

The Meeting approved an appropriation from the Conference Fund so that Lynn Scott might represent us at the Institute of International Relations this summer in the Poconos.

Russell Brooks brought us greetings from Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting and said he had been asked to bring us thanks from Woolman Hill for our contribution to its budget this year.

The Clerk announced the People to People program for June 17th, a conference on "Africa On Stage" at the Hartford College for Women.

It was reported by Ministry and Counsel that Henry and ~~Margery~~ MARJORIE Baechler had applied for membership just too late for the April Meeting for Business. They were, however, visited by the Halfords and the Meeting appointed Archie and Dorothy Meshenuk to visit and welcome them.

The Clerk reported that Bob Kearney was to be operated upon for disc trouble at St. Francis Hospital. Jeanne Clepper is in Hartford Hospital with a concussion. Daphne Brown is still troubled with her broken bones. Dorothy Kelsey's sister is with her for a time.

The Clerk read a letter of thanks from Elizabeth Whitworth for the repair of her radio. (Clerk's Fund)

Faith Brown asked that she be replaced on the Bulletin Committ and the Nominating Committee was asked to attend to this matter.

The Meeting approved Alice Cheney as the new member of the Nominating Committee.

James Reik presented the Treasurer's Report.

Beverly Stamm reported that a few opportunities to teach in the First Day School are still open and asked for volunteers. She made a plea for greater interest in the work of the children by all members of the Meeting, as well as parents, to help our children feel closer to the Whole Meeting.

The Meeting approved the purchase by the First Day School of a volley ball and net for picnic use.

The Sewing Committee reported one more regular meeting in June and a possible meeting for July.

Ted Paullin was appointed as our second Representative to Yearly Meeting, along with John Stamm, already appointed.

Thomas Bodine and Patricia Ritter spoke of the work of a local Peace Corps group in which it was thought some of our young people might be interested this summer.

Elsa Cullen reported that the plant sale for the benefit of the Bailey Library at the Hingham Friends Home in Massachusetts, netted $97.00.

It was approved that the Meeting allow the Nominating Committee to "act with power" in the matter of appointing new members to the Expansion Committee.

Ralph M. Williams, Clerk
Margaret N. Morrison, Recording Clerk Pro-Tem.

9/ /61 The Meeting began with a few minutes of silence.

The Minutes of the June Meeting were read, corrected and accepted.

A question arose as to the use of the Meeting House. There was some discussion as to whether this should be on a regular or irregular basis; this should be further discussed.

Mary Jane Carpenter reported for Ministry and Counsel; she urged that the neighborhood social groups should meet again. Friends are also urged to call on one another more frequently. Thanks are due to the committee which prepared the report on The Conduct of Funerals for our Meeting.

The Clerk provided some information on vital statistics. Friends having such information should inform the Clerk. The following names were mentioned:

Sylvia Kelsey Spotts has a boy, Peter Kelsey Spotts, born August 20th.

There were four marriages of interest to Friends:

Maile Yager - Josiah Goldberg
John Frazier - Linda Strange - September 5th
Findlay Whittlesey - Ann Gwynn
Sally Clark - (unnamed Englishman)

The following died:

Wendell Clepper's father
Jim Carpenter's father
Sylvia Helfrick's sister

The Clerk has written appropriately in each case.

The following are or have been ill:

Daisy Thomas
Nan Walker
Marguerite Crespi Marsh
Bob Kearney

A question was raised about Bob Kearney's Unemployment Compensation. This is being attended to.

Ellen Paullin reported for Quarterly Meeting. A Quarterly Meeting was held in Guilford this summer; it was very successful. She mentioned a discussion of the Report on The Spiritual Condition of The Meeting; the feeling was (in Quarterly Meeting) that this report should answer:

a. Where are our conflicts?
b. What things are obstructing us, dividing us, or weakening us? About 70 people were present for the Meeting for Worship, about 60 for dinner, and about 45 for business. All meetings were represented. It was mentioned in discussion at Quarterly Meeting that Friends should let some silence fall after a message given during the meetings for worship. The financial structure of Quarterly Meeting was discussed there also. It was concluded that 25 cents per capita should come in to pay for all the mailings from Quarterly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting will hire Carol De Cou to send these notices to members. A complete and up to date list is to be maintained by the Recording Clerk of Quarterly Meeting. Next summer the Quarterly Meeting will probably be in Rindge, N. H.

Ruth Lilienthal reported concerning her experience at this summer's Avon Institute. A variety of opinions was represented and the experience was stimulating.

Lynn Scott reported for the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference. (see Memorabilia)

Alice Jorgensen has submitted a list of members over the last 21 years. This is in the Library. 331 names are involved. The meeting expressed its appreciation of this labor of love.

Paul Butterworth reported that a Deed and Quit-Claim for our Meeting House and property are in his possession. It was suggested that these could be photostatted; we could then keep a copy here. The original could become a part of the records of New Eng. Yearly Meeting in Providence, R. I.

Alison Davis and her husband are leaving Storrs to go to Indiana.

Marion Jessel reported for the Nominating Committee:

> Constance Way is to be Co-Chairman of the First Day School Committee.
> Agnes Bolton is serving on the Bulletin Committee, replacing Faith Brown.

The Meeting approved these names.

Ellen Paullin reported for the Adult Education Committee that on September 28th at 7:30 there will be dessert and fellowship at the Meeting House; at 8:00 there will be a discussion on Quaker Peace Testimony.

On Sunday, October 8th, at 10 A.M. the regular Adult discussion groups will begin, to continue weekly except on Family Sundays. There will be none on October 1st. On September 19th at 7:45 the Adult Education Committee will have a meeting of committee members.

The First Day School reported on beginning plans. There are 38 families with children of First Day School age.

Mrs. Lucy D. Richardson of Danielson has a problem about getting to meeting. This was referred to the Committee on Hospitality. Her address is:

E. Franklin Street
RFD 2
Danielson, Conn.

Minutes of New Eng. Yearly Meeting are in the Library. Friends should sign for these.

Marion Jessel reported for the Library. The circulation has increased. An inventory was completed during the winter (1960-61). The meeting approved the report.

(see Memorabilia)

James Reik gave the Treasurer's report. (Memorabilia)

Jim Carpenter reported for Management Committee. Thanks are due to Robert Kearney for his fine work.

Also:
- a. The back area needs resurfacing.
- b. The First Day School wants some dark green window shades for darkening the downstairs room for movies.

These items were approved by the meeting.

A problem concerning six inches of property on our northern boundary was discussed. Our neighbor there should be allowed to extend his driveway surface area provided he signs a paper committing himself to respect our property interest there nevertheless.

The Management Committee is to estimate the cost of surfacing our driveway and the cost of winter plowing thereon.

Further discussion of use of the Meeting House. It should be used more. The Use Committee should investigate this. An old "minute" dealing with this matter should be examined (3 years ago). Perhaps we should reserve Tuesday as well as Thursday evenings for our own use. Will there be any discriminations in force by those who rent this room? Margaret Morrison will investigate this in connection with a proposed useage by a dancing class.

Alice Cheney reported for the Sewing Committee. They met twice during the summer. Regular Meetings will begin on Tuesday, September 19th, and every two weeks thereafter. The times are: 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Mary Jane Carpenter reported that young friends may promote a sale of used goods at the Meeting House this fall. It was suggested that this be done early this fall. The downstairs room and the back area outdoors could then be used.

Ralph M. Williams Clerk

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10/12/61 Marguerite Marsh is making a slow recovery from a fall and fracture.

The Meeting discussed sending a wedding present to Maile Yager Goldberg. Paul Butterworth will accept contributions for this.

Lisa Schaffer was married to Dudley Anderson this summer.

John and Eva Hardiman have a daughter, Lisa Lotte, born June 17th, 1961.

George Halford reported for Ministry and Counsel:

a.) Ernest and Katherine Brown - Minute of Transfer to our Meeting. (Frank Gademan and Lynn Scott will call on the Browns.)

b.) Nathaniel Hathaway requested membership. His letter was read. A preliminary call had been made. The Meeting approved membership.

c.) Discussion on: Should the Meeting put out a pamphlet about our Meeting for newcomers? This was referred to Ministry and Counsel.

d.) Discussion: Need of more courtesy and attention to new attenders and interested visitors to Meeting for Worship.

e.) Lynn Scott suggested regular reading of the Queries at the Meeting for Worship.

f.) We should cooperate with the Connecticut Council of Churches on a TV program (This Is Our Faith). Paul Cullen will assist in the arrangements. The Meeting approved.

g.) Quarterly Meeting has recommended a study of and a revision of The Discipline. A Yearly Meeting Committee is at work on this and welcomes suggestions from Friends. Perhaps sections of the work should be parceled out to Monthly Meetings. The Clerk will write to Louis Marstaller on this.

h.) Discussions of the Peace Testimony should continue. Another evening Meeting on this should be held. This was referred to Adult Education Committee.

Art and Betty Spencer wish to transfer membership to San Jose, California. The Meeting approved.

The Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home asked the Clerk to be present at the funeral of Peter Strong (Friday, October 13th, 1961). Several other Friends are planning to attend.

Tom Bodine commented on the Minute for his recent African journey and its endorsements. In connection with this, our Meeting has $81.02 which can be sent to Africa for educational purposes. Tom Bodine also reported on plans for the Young Friends of our Meeting.

There is to be an illustrated lecture Saturday evening, November 11th, at the Meeting House.

Ellen Paullin announced a luncheon December 24th for college-age Friends.

In February a Saturday night family party at the Meeting House is being arranged by Cynthia Reik.

Marion Jessel's Report on Quarterly Meeting was read by the Clerk. A few Hartford members attended. (See Memorabilia)

The business of the Deed for our property and the Quit-Claim is not yet settled. These documents should be deposited as loans to Yearly Meeting records.

A Sojourning Minute for Alison Brown Davis (Member) and her husband, Wendell Davis, was read by the Clerk, corrected and approved.

Lynn Scott expressed a concern about a letter to Earl Reynolds who is sailing to Vladivostock.

Constance Way reported for First Day School.

Frank Gademan mentioned problems of the Bulletin. (Items already past).

James Reik reported for Treasury.

Jim Carpenter reported for Management on the use of the building. The Meeting wishes to hear more on this.

Estimates were presented. Resurfacing at the rear of the building and on the road will have to be done before long.

Alice Cheney reported for the Sewing Committee. Articl in good condition are wanted for use abroad.

Ralph M. Williams Clerk

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These Minutes were approved November 10th, 1961

11/10/61 Nathaniel Hathaway has been called on by the Baileys and welcomed as a new member.

The money for education in Africa was mentioned again. This is for a teacher or for teacher training. It amounts to $81.02. The Meeting asked Tom Bodine to make a recommendation.

Lynn Scott reported on visiting the Ernest Browns.

The Butterworths visited the Goldbergs and presented a gift.

The Minute concerning the Queries (October Meeting) should appear in the Bulletin.

Katherine Locke reported for Ministry and Counsel. The Meeting approved the removal of the name of Sally Clark Bower (Mrs. Hugh) from our list of associate members.

The Storrs Meeting has removed to another place of worship.

Pat Ritter is coordinating visitations.

The Clerk reported on the Peter Strong funeral.

Don Noel reported for Peace and Social Concerns. In this connection the evening meeting with Donald Groome, British Quaker, on December 4th should be mentioned.

The project Turn Toward Peace was mentioned. This is non-sectarian.

Prison sponsorship was mentioned. Members may sponsor one prisoner.

The work of the Council of Churches on housing is proceeding.

Work camps may assist in housing problem.

The Connecticut Friends Committee on Social Order will meet about capital punishment. The work of this Committee is spreading, and a pamphlet concerning the work has been published in India.

Jim Reik presented the Treasurer's Report. We are a bit behind in income compared to last year.

The Clerk read the Report of the Management and Use Committee. The problem is the tax-exempt status. Are commercial (profit-making) enterprises ruled out? Legal opinion is requested. Users should have their own insurance and should hold the Meeting harmless. Legal advice is needed on this point too. Jim Reik will ask the Internal Revenue Office as to the facts here.

Any publicity material should be given to Brad Noel two weeks in advance.

The Sewing Committee needs yarn.

A woodshed roof is being built in the back lot. Carl Brown is in charge.

Ralph M Williams, Clerk

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These Minutes were approved December 14th, 1961

12/14/61 Elizabeth Butterworth reported that Joan Herman continues ill. She is in the iron lung, but her spirit is good and she thinks of others.

Emerson Butterworth died recently.

Nellie Peardy died recently. (She was born in Germany and brought to this country in the 1940's under sponsorship of the Hartford Monthly Meeting.

Katherine Locke reported for Ministry and Counsel.

(a) The Neeces have moved from Providence, North Carolina, to Hartford. Talmadge Neece and Edith Neece were approved as members, the latter transferring from Presbyterian Church, Wheaton, Maryland. The Cullens will call on them.

(b) Marguerite Marsh is compiling data, from 1950 on, concerning our Meeting.

Elizabeth Butterworth reported concerning the Selawaneski in Rochester, New York.

Miami Monthly Meeting needs funds to help refugees.

A statement from the Connecticut Council of Churches, concerning nuclear testing, is being posted.

A Meeting has been planned for January 18th on pacific concerns, including nuclear testing and shelters.

The Meeting approved spending some of the $81.00 (which we have for use in Africa) to help a student visiting here.

Wendell Clepper reported for Adult Education.

(a) Henry Cadbury will visit here on Saturday, January 20th. There will be two meetings and a supper. This is for regular attenders of our Meeting. His subject is "The Spiritual Basis of Quakerism".

(b) The 10 A.M. (First Day) adult discussion groups will resume on February 4th.

Quarterly Meeting is on February 4th, here.

Cynthia Reik reported for the First Day School, including a financial report. $50.00 has been collected for UNICEF.

A report was submitted concerning our status with respect to Income Tax Exemption. The renting of our Meeting House to charitable or non-charitable groups will not cause us to lose our exemption. However, if we had unrelated taxable business income (that is, unrelated to some Charity's, or our, stated charitable purposes) then we would have to pay a tax on that portion of the income.

The Meeting needs a new filing cabinet.

Don Noel reported for Peace and Social Concerns:

(a) Members are needed to sponsor a prisoner, for encouragement and as a help when release is near. One or two visitations a month may be involved. This is for men prisoners and men visitors.

(b) Letters supporting President Kennedy's United Nations Speech are needed.

(c) Turn Toward Peace is now formally organized. One of the goals is to find and identify people who wish constructive alternatives to war. A "Turn Toward Peace" Chapter in Hartford is proposed. The Meeting approved.

(d) A February Meeting with Bert Bigelow is proposed.

(e) There was a women's meeting on December 18th concerning Women for Peace at the Reik's house.

Jim Carpenter reported for Use and Management.

The Hospitality Committee will provide on January 20th. (Henry Cadbury Meeting).

Lynn Scott reported on Work Camp projects. She is very active in this. The Meeting is interested in this work.

Elizabeth Butterworth mentioned a recent public statement of belief.

Ralph M. Williams, Clerk

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These Minutes were approved January 11th, 1962.

1/11/62 Marguerite Marsh has proposed indexing the Minutes.

The Clerk proposed that only matters of action be minuted. These will be numbered and read back at the end of the immediate situation. This was approved by the Meeting.

Ministry and Counsel recommended Christopher Ellison, age 15, whose mother, Barbara Ellison, is a member, for Associate Membership. This was approved by the Meeting. Tom Bodine and another Friend will call.

The concern of a Meeting for Worship with Joan Herman at the New Britain Memorial Hospital was referred to Ministry and Counsel.

The Meeting approved a minute for our Treasurer, Jim Reik, for the purpose of handling a sale of stock. The minute is as follows:

> "It was the consensus of the Meeting to ratify the sale of fourteen (14) shares of Sears Roebuck and Company common stock agreed to by Mr. Reik, which ratification remains in full force."

We now have photostats of the two deeds of our Meeting House property from the two New York Yearly Meetings. These are dated 1946.

The Meeting approved Margaret Morrison to replace Marion Jessel on the Nominating Committee. This Committee will have freedom to ask for additional help.

Mary Jane Carpenter reported on Habil Wejuli, Quaker student from Kenya, who visited here over the holidays. The Meeting approved that the Young Friends Committee should continue this concern and other such concerns with young African Friends.

The Meeting approved the idea of collecting enough money to bring the African Fund for Education up to $100.00 for the use of, preferably, a young female African student. The Friends Overseas Educational Committee of East Africa Yearly Meeting is the handling agency. More money will be collected later to bring another student here.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the Meeting.

The Meeting approved Agnes Boulton as Librarian to replace Marion Jessel.

Richard Conant reported for Peace and Social Concerns.

Ralph M. Williams, Clerk

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2/ /62 Tom Bodine and Martha Ritter called on Christopher Ellis

Wendell Clepper reported for Ministry and Counsel. It was noted that Ruth Wojan will handle requests for transportation.

The originals of our Meeting House Deeds are now in the vault at Moses Brown School R. I. They are on loan and deposit there but they remain our property.

Ruth Lilienthal and Cynthia Reik reported on Quarterly Meeting. The new proposal for a Friends World College on Long Island was mentioned.

For Quarterly Meeting: It was suggested that in the future paper sheets (rather than postcards) be sent for information and return. These should have a tear-off section for reservations. This will allow for fuller information, and there will be a saving on return postage.

The Annual Report of the Finance Committee (Budget) was made by Tom Bodine, in the absence of Bob Mooney. The Meeting recommended that our Finance Committee study ways and means of raising money for our increased budget and report back to Business Meeting. The Meeting approved the budget.

Paul Butterworth expressed a concern to expand our building. He suggested that this additional space might also be of use to the community at large. Also: we are, at present, infringing the fire laws in the two houses now in use.

Tom Bodine spoke for the Expansion Committee. He noted that it would be very expensive, and only temporary, to recondition the two houses. The Committee feels that a new wing to the rear would be best.

Karen Wright read a report on the week-end work camp in Haarlem.

Ralph Williams reported (for the Recorder) on the statistics for our Meeting.

Lynn Scott reported that the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of June are the days for family week-end at Woolman Hill.

Ted Paullin read the report for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. A silent vigil is planned for Good Friday on Boston Common.

Esther Rhoads' visit was discussed, and plans were made.

Ralph M. Williams, Clerk

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These Minutes were approved March 8th, 1962.

3/8/62 Katherine Locke reported for Ministry and Counsel. The Knuttels have asked for membership. This was approved. The Leslie Bucklands will call.

A Publication Committee is recommended. It would have one member each from the Bulletin Committee, Library Committee, and Ministry and Counsel. Its functions would be: Supervision of printing, storage, and distribution. It was concluded and approved that this new committee be set up on a temporary basis.

It is no longer considered feasible to have a Meeting for Worship with Joan Herman at the New Britain Hospital; she is too sick.

The Meeting directed that the Nominating Committee for next year (1962-63) consider procedures as to length of term, rotation, etc., for the future. This committee should then report to the Meeting.

Don Noel reported for Peace and Social Concerns.

Jim Reik gave the Treasurer's Report. (Letter from Internal Revenue Service and two other documents.)

Katherine Locke, reporting for Marguerite Marsh, reported for the Records Committee. Photostating and microfilming were discussed. The "copy-flow" process has been recommended for duplications. The Meeting felt that any microfilming should not be done now, but recommended tentatively the "copy-flow" process.

On 10 A.M. Sunday, April 22nd, before the Easter Meeting for Worship, there will be hymns and a musical program.

Lynn Scott reported for Work Camps.

Mabel Bailey reported on Scholarships. She suggested that we should have a fund for this purpose. The Meeting and the Finance Committee, in particular, should consider this. This is an exploratory suggestion - something for study. We could have a fund started now for this purpose (scholarships). It was mentioned that such a fund could be separate from the budget. This needs more study by the Finance Committee and by Ministry and Counsel. (These committees requested copies of this minute.)

Ralph M. Williams, Clerk

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These Minutes were approved April 11th, 1962

4/11/62 Katherine Locke reported for Ministry and Counsel.

(a) Alice Cheney has asked for full membership and for associate membership for Alice Bunce Cheney, Mary Bushnell Cheney and Timothy Dexter Cheney. This was approved. Ruth Lilienthal will call. (Since than Eva Lilienthal and Toos Knuttel have called.)

(b) David and Gladys Jones have requested affiliate membership. This was approved. The Helfricks will call.

(c) Memorials:

George H. Shaw -- 1882-1962
Nellie Wolf Purdy- 1890-1961

(d) Summary of the spiritual condition of our Meeting: "A Meeting Weighs Its Spiritual Condition".

Mrs. Whitworth would like more visits.

The Meeting directed that the spiritual report (see above) be mailed to members.

The Use Committee should record (as a clearing house) for all Meeting events, whether taking place in our Meeting House or elsewhere.

The Meeting established a Tanganyika Fund to receive moneys for various purposes there.

The nominations (for officers for the Meeting for the next twelve months) were approved.

The Meeting expressed its appreciation of the services of the Clerk during the past twelve months.

The Meeting directed that business concerning the annual Woolman Hill week-end should be handled by the Adult Education Committee in the future.

Don Noel, reporting for Peace and Social Concerns, spoke about the Peace Walk in Hartford on April 21st, and also about a High School peace group to meet here April 28th.

The Reverend Tipton will speak on Prison Sponsorship. The (still pending) execution of Benjamin Reid was discussed.

Lynn Scott reported for the Young Friends. Work Camps are going very well. There is a real interest in this, and plans are going ahead.

Ralph M. Williams, Clerk

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May 10th, 1962

1. Inasmuch as only a few Friends were in attendance at the appointed hour, the minutes of the April Meeting were read and approved as amended.

2. After a reading of the opening statement in Thomas R. Kelly's THE GATHERED MEETING, the group settled into a period of quiet worship.

3. Ministry and Counsel reported:

    (a) Recommendation that the name of an applicant for membership be made known in Business Meeting prior to Ministry and Counsel's consideration.

    Discussion centered around the following points: Whether this might facilitate our becoming better acquainted with prospective members, whether such announcement might cause embarrassment if at the time of recommendation an objection might theoretically be raised. The Meeting decided to let Ministry and Counsel consider this further and report on it at a latter date.

    (b) Recommendation of Don Helm for membership.

    The Meeting warmly approved of this membership. Three callers appointed were Paul Cullen, Brad Noel, and Katherine Locke.

    (c) Ministry and Counsel has prepared a sheet called "Queries for Seekers", a copy of which is appended. Comments on these questions are hoped for and welcomed.

4. Frances Zane has agreed to be a clearing-house for information concerning ill members. She reported that Mary Andrews is il

5. Tom Bodine reported on the work of the Expansion Committee. As an addition to the sheets mailed to all members last month, he gave some further facts.

    (a) The estimated cost of maintaining the proposed new wing is $1400 annually.

    (b) Possibility of using Kingswood School has been explored and does not look promising.

    (c) Using the attic has been considered and is believed unsuitable.

    (d) Use of the prospective new wing at times other than Sunday morning has been explored. The Nursery School does not seem anxious to expand.

(e) Builder's estimate is approximately $45,000 for a two-story wing. The Expansion Fund now has about $15,000. The Meeting could possibly give $10,000, leaving $20,000 more to be raised.

After some expressions of concern about our outreach, and particularly that we search diligently for community uses for a new addition, the Meeting declared its intent to build, and authorized the Expansion Committee to hire an architect to draw preliminary plans to present to the earliest possible Business Meeting.

6. Don Noel presented a report for Peace and Social Concerns. At his request the Meeting approved a guarantee up to $300 for the Work Camp Program, and a committee to help with Work Camps.

7. The Management Committee report by Jim Carpenter informs us of the installation of a new parking lot flood light. Saturday, May 26th, is clean-up day at the Meeting House. The Meeting approved the cleaning of the carpets.

8. Ralph Williams reported that Habil Wejuli has applied for a transfer to Trinity College and needs room and board. At his suggestion, the Meeting approved the use of money from the East Africa Fund to guarantee his dormitory expenses up to the $800 in the fund, either at Trinity or at Miami University of Ohio.

9. Tom Bodine announced that Bishop McGurkin, who entertained Tom so hospitably in Tanganyika, will visit our Meeting House on May 25th.

Several Roman Catholic friends of this vicinity have enthusiastically accepted an invitation to come here that evening, and Friends are also urged to attend.

0. Cynthia Reik announced that final day of First-Day School will be May 27th, with a special program at 10 o'clock.

W. Wendell Clepper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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June 14th, 1962

1. The Meeting was opened by the Clerk with a reading from Psalm 90.

2. The annual report of the Sewing Committee was read. Appreciation of the devoted work of Alice Cheney was expressed by the Meeting.

3. Ralph Williams reported that many tobacco workers from the South, high school age youngsters who work in this vicinity for the summer, are in need of clothing. Friends are urged to send suitable clothing to Ralph Williams.

4. Brad Noel and Katherine Locke visited Don Helm to welcome him into membership. Don has now moved to Golden, Colorado, and his wife, Usha, will follow soon.

5. Alice Fox agreed to be a member of the Nominating Committee for three years.

6. Ministry and Counsel reported through Mary Jane Carpenter.

   (a) Jane Cheney was recommended for membership.

   The Meeting warmly approved. Mary Jane Carpenter and Leslie Buckland will call.

   (b) Transfer papers from Gwynned Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania have been received for Louise Mather Ridgway. The Reiks will call.

   (c) It was suggested and approved that a traveling minute be prepared for Helen Ridgway, who will shortly journey to London, Edinburgh, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam.

7. A report from Peace and Social Concerns was presented by Don Noel.

   (a) Contributions from the Committee were listed, one of which was to the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors to help Roger Mueller, who is known to some members of this Meeting.

   (b) The Committee has been working with the Friends Committee on Social Order to abolish capital punishment. It has also drafted a letter to send to the Connecticut Board of Pardons to request clemency for Benjamin Reid.

   The Meeting approved the sending of a letter from the Meeting.

   (c) The Committee has drafted a letter to the leadership of the Methodist Church expressing appreciation for the ministry of Lloyd Worley and the service of Mrs. Worley.

   The Meeting approved the sending of this letter from the Meeting.

(d) We have agreed to join the People-to-People Council.

(e) The Committee proposed two evening meetings on the peace testimony and non-violence.

The Meeting approved the making of arrangements for such sessions.

(f) Friends are encouraged to attend Avon-at-Winnipesaukee Conference in July. Richard Conant and Don Noel will be two of the discussion leaders.

(g) We have been asked by the American Friends Service Committee to help negro students from the South to study in the North.

The Meeting urged Peace and Social Concerns Committee to ask our Young Friends to raise $100 to send to Friends in Springfield for this project.

(h) Friends are urged to write Congressmen to support the Hart Bill, to raise the permanent quota on Chinese immigration.

(i) Lynn Scott has arranged for five Work Camps this summer and wants youngsters of high school age to register for them.

(j) Tom Bodine reported that $800 has been raised to support Work Camps, and $1250 of the $1800 needed has been given for the tractor for Tanganyika.

8. The report from the Adult Education Committee was given by John Stamm.

The general subject to be explored this year is the Historical Mission of Friends and Quaker Outreach.

A Meeting has been tentatively planned for Thursday, September 27th, in which Friends who have attended conferences this summer can report on them.

Quarterly Meeting will be on August 5th at Rindge, New Hampshire.

9. Tom Bodine requested, for the Expansion Committee, that it be laid down.

The Meeting approved.

10. The Nominating Committee presented a list for a new Building Committee to proceed with construction of an addition to the Meeting House. Co-chairmen would be Richard Boulton and James Carpenter; other members, Tom Bodine, Paul Butterworth, Talmadge Neece, Cynthia Reik, Morris Way, and Wendell Clepper ex-officio.

11. Report of the new Building Committee consisted of demonstration of drawings of the proposed addition. Jim Carpenter introduced our architect, Mr. Murray Gibson. He explained that there is no feasible way to include a fireplace and chimney, for reasons of both economy and appearance.

12. For the Finance Committee Tom Bodine reported that it is estimated that the cost of the addition, including paving and furniture, would not exceed $60,000. We have now in cash and securities, $15,000. Paul Cleaver has accepted the responsibility for raising $5000 from the Meeting and its friends. A letter from the Sunset Foundation has very kindly offered to give us $15,000 and to assist in arranging a loan for what may be required for the addition over and above individual gifts.

    The Meeting authorized the Building Committee to proceed with plans for construction of an addition to the Meeting House, with financing to be accomplished by the Finance Committee.

13. John Stamm plans to go to Poland this summer.

    The Meeting approved the preparation of a traveling minute for him.

14. Constance Way reported that some Young Friends and their families plan to meet for worship at 9:30 on Sunday mornings at homes of the more distant western members.

W. Wendell Clepper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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September 13th, 1962

1. Young Friends' activities during the 1962 New England Yearly Meeting in Providence were refreshingly described by Robinson Lilienthal, an associate member of our Meeting. Robinson was named Clerk of New England Young Friends.

2. Following a reading from the first chapter of the Gospel of John, the Meeting was gathered in a period of silent worship.

3. Upon recommendation of Ministry and Counsel, the Meeting warmly approved membership for Nanette Wright, and associate membership for Karen Wright, James Wright, Melissa Wright, and Margaret Wright. James and Cynthia Reik were named as callers.

4. The Meeting also warmly approved full membership for Karen Paullin, who had been an associate member. Elsa Cullen was named to convey the Meeting's message of welcome.

5. Upon request, the Meeting approved transfer of Fern Stowe's membership to Sandy Springs Meeting, Sandy Springs, Maryland.

6. It was announced that a Memorial Service would be held on September 14th for S. Walter Jones, a member who died September 7th.

7. Timothy Richard Peter Wojan, born July 16th to Bernard and Ruth Wojan, has been added to our Associate Member list. Note was also made of the birth of Jennie Nielsen to Scott and Janet Nielsen, attenders. Calls on the parents of these newborn children are to be made.

8. Report was made of a joint meeting of Ministry and Counsel and the Finance Committee. The Meeting had asked them to submit a plan whereby the Meeting could share in assisting Young Friends who wished to secure a Friends School education.

   The report recommended that a revolving loan fund already at the disposal of the Meeting be re-activated as a Sharing Fund, and made available for various kinds of financial contingencies - for example sickness, old age, unemployment, special educational needs, etc. - that might be faced by families of Friends and attenders. After clarification that this was not a scholarship fund in the sense of recognizing academic merit, the Meeting approved the establishment of a Sharing Fund, to be administered by the Clerk with the advice and guidance of at least one other Friend. The Treasurer reported that $507 was already available in the old revolving loan fund for such purposes.

7a. A Memorial Service for Elizabeth Whitworth was conducted by the Meeting on July 9th.

9. The Adult Education Committee reported that two series of Quaker Dialogues under the supervision of Rachel Davis Dubois will be conducted over the week-end of September 21st-23rd. This is a group education project reported as having had remarkable success elsewhere.

   Adult Discussion Group will be resumed on Sunday, October 14th. A study of revised queries for New England Yearly Meeting will be made.

10. A report on the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held at Rindge, New Hampshire, on August 4th and 5th was presented by Archie Meshenuk. At the request of the Quarterly Meeting Clerk and others, the Meeting approved a plan to name representatives to each Quarterly Meeting as it occurs, rather than to have certain representatives for the entire year. Richard Boulton will remain as our Representative on the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee.

As Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Woolman Hill on October 7th, the Meeting named Theodore and Ellen Paullin, Tom and Faith Brown, and Timothy and Alice Cheney.

11. The First Day School Committee reported that its plans for the year, involving many Friends as teachers, had already been circulated.

12. Helen Ridgway described her visit to Europe in the summer, and brought greetings from Friends in Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Copenhagen and London.

13. The Building Committee reported that construction of the new wing might go forward in November if no unforeseen obstacles are encountered. A hearing on zoning variance is scheduled in October.

14. The Work Camp Committee reported on five work camps held in Hebron, Deerfield, Hartford and West Granby during the summer. Friends are encouraged to attend as visitors or workers.

Twenty-nine persons were present.

W. Wendell Clepper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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October 11th, 1962

1. The Minutes of the September 13th Business Meeting were read and approved as amended.

2. The Nominating Committee reported that the following resignations have been received:

   (a) James Carpenter and Mary Jane Carpenter, co-chairmen of Young Friends Committee.

   (b) Ruth Lilienthal, from Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

   (c) Ruth Lilienthal, from Management Committee (Housekeeping).

   (d) Jeanne Clepper, chairman of Bulletin Committee.

   (e) Elsa Cullen, from the Bulletin Committee.

(f) Ethel Halford, as the Meeting's Representative to United Church Women.

3. The Meeting approved the following replacements:

(a) Adrian Knuttel, to join the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and the Young Friends Committee.

(b) Ruth Lilienthal, to be Chairman of the Bulletin Committee.

(c) Joyce Duncan, to join the Bulletin Committee.

(d) Marjorie Baechler, to join the Management Committee, in charge of Housekeeping.

4. Our relationship with the Nursery School was reported on by the Nursery School Liaison Committee. Upon request of the Nursery School for advice, the Meeting suggested that the Nursery School drop action on a proposed lawsuit against a family who has not paid the tuition, and that Friends guarantee a replacement pupil or funds to match the loss.

5. With the reading by the Clerk of an excerpt from Rufus Jones' Finding the Trail of Life, the Meeting settled into a period of quiet worship.

6. Patricia Ritter, Assistant Clerk, reported that no neighborhood Meetings are planned this year. A party is planned for Friends families from 7th grade up on Saturday, November 17th.

7. Peace and Social Concerns reported that a Peace Center in Hartford is being planned by Turn Toward Peace. Hartford Meeting approved the effort by Turn Toward Peace to arouse broader interest and concern in peace questions, and wish to be listed as a cooperating organization in the new Greater Hartford Community Peace Center.

The Meeting also approved the use of office space in the Meeting House by an intern serving under the Gandhi Foundation, and as a Peace Center, with details to be worked out by the Meeting Committees concerned.

8. Adrian Knuttel reported on his experience as a sponsor in the prison visitation program at Wethersfield State Prison.

9. Theodore Paullin gave a report on recent developments in New England Yearly Meeting Peace Committee.

10. A report on Quarterly Meeting of October 7th was presented by Theodore and Ellen Paullin.

11. Young Friends Committee announced a potluck supper to take place on Saturday, October 27th, for Friends families. Speakers expected are James Read of Wilmington College and George Bliss of the Meeting School. Their subject is

"Values for Quaker Education".

12. Tom Bodine reported that the Tanganyika tractor fund now stands at about $1500. The desired tractor costs $2800.

13. James Reik presented the Treasurer's report. The Meeting discussed possible ways of enlarging the tractor fund, offering several suggestions for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

14. Adult Education Committee reminded us that a British Friend, Mauricle Hussey, will speak at the Meeting House on October 18th. Her subject is "The People of Russia".

15. The Building Committee reported on the latest developments with regard to the new addition.

16. At the request of the Maintenance Committee, the Meeting approved of removing the doors to the coat closet in the hall and storing them in the attic.

17. Ministry and Counsel announced that at the request of Agnes deCou Jones, the use of the Meeting House on October 20th for a memorial service for her sister, Margaret deCou de Trant, has been approved. Elizabeth Butterworth, Alice Fox, and other Friends will represent the Meeting.

Twenty-nine persons were present.

W. Wendell Clapper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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November 8th, 1962

1. The Meeting was opened by a reading from Pierre Ceresole, followed by a period of silent worship.

2. Theodore Paullin read a report for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Our "peace intern" from the Gandhi Foundation has arrived and is now established in our Meeting House office, from which she is beginning to organize peace education in Greater Hartford.

   The Committee has accepted formal sponsorship of Malcolm and Lynn Scott, to offer them whatever support they may need in their two-year "adoption" of a young negro from the South.

   A work camp schedule has been set up for the winter, and Friends are urged to offer leadership.

3. The Management and Building Committees reported through James Carpenter that the requested variance was granted for the new addition to our Meeting House, and construction should soon be started.

4. Agnes Boulton reported for the Library Committee, urging Friends to use the library more.

5. The Nominating Committee report was presented by Fritz Semmler. Elizabeth Butterworth and Lois Williams have agreed to be representatives to the United Church Women. Alice Cheney has resigned from Management Committee, in charge of the Use of the Meeting House. Alice Cheney has agreed to become Chairman of the Young Friends Committee. These recommendations were approved. Carol Grosberg was recommended by the Nominating Committee to take care of the Use of the Meeting House, but the Meeting wished to have the Committee reconsider this appointment.

6. Tom Bodine presented a report for the Finance Committee. Although there is little doubt that we will easily raise the $1500 budgeted for the Expansion Fund, we are definitely behind in our General Fund contributions. In the ten months through October, we have given approximately one-half of the $9400 budgeted for the General Fund.

   A legacy of $230 from Nellie Peardy was announced. The Meeting approved allocation of this money to the Tanganyika Friends Tractor Fund. The Meeting discussed this Fund at length, expressing deep concern over the need of the Tanganyika Friends, but was unable to unite in agreeing to underwrite the balance needed for purchase, so no action was taken by the Business Meeting.

7. The Adult Education Committee report took the form of a little play re-enacting a recent Committee Meeting. Then the discussion was opened to the Business Meeting as a whole. As a result of this discussion, it was decided that Sunday morning Adult discussion group will continue for only one more week, and that some Sunday evening meetings be planned.

8. Ministry and Counsel recommended that because members had been unable to reach Priscilla LaChance for several years, her name be removed from the list of members. The Meeting approved.

   The Committee also recommended that Thomas Brown become a member and his stepson, Peter Martin, become an associate member. The Meeting warmly approved of these memberships, and visitors appointed were Margaret Morrison and Ruth Lilienthal.

9. The Meeting approved of individual Friends holding a worship service on Thanksgiving Day, with Margaret Morrison offering to plan this if enough interest is indicated.

Twenty-eight people were present.

W. Wendell Bleyfer, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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December 13th, 1962

1. A report on the progress and plans for the new wing was presented by James Carpenter. The Building Committee recommended enclosure of the stairway to conform to the Fire Marshal's regulations for Nursery Schools. The Meeting approved of this change.

2. The Minutes of the November Business Meeting were re-read.

3. With a reading from the writings of William Leddra, the Meeting settled into silent worship.

4. Two Friends from Storrs Preparative Meeting, Storrs Olds and Clay Steinberger, attended to tell the Meeting that the Storrs group has decided to make application to Quarterly Meeting to become an independent Meeting. They gave us a brief history of their group and of its growth in numbers and in unity over a period of more than eight years. The group now consists of about fifteen adults who worship regularly. The Meeting warmly endorsed the purpose of the Storrs Friends to become an independent Meeting, and directed the Clerk to write a letter to Quarterly Meeting expressing this approval.

5. Katherine Locke reported, for Ministry and Counsel, that there has been a suggestion that in the summer months of 1963 meetings for worship be held from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. instead of the usual hour of 11:00. Several Friends expressed a concern lest a change of time cause confusion, especially for visitors. It was agreed that this matter requires further study by Ministry and Counsel.

6. Don Noel reported for Peace and Social Concerns.

   (a) Activities in the Peace Center under the leadership of Carol Grosberg are centering around three main tasks:

      (1) Helping people make more effective use of newspapers, radio and televion to express peace concerns.

(2) Obtaining and disseminating a large variety of peace literature, especially to people who wouldn't ordinarily encounter it.

(3) Setting up a speakers' bureau to offer speakers on almost any subject in the general field of war and peace.

(b) The Committee expressed a desire for Friends' approval of their accepting contributions sent to the Meeting and earmarked for the Peace Center. The Meeting approved of accepting such contributions and turning them over to the Center.

(c) A committee from the Council of Churches is studying the problem of slum housing and rent-gouging in the North End.

They are considering a renewed program to interest suburban churches in open housing in the hitherto white suburbs, and to encourage these churches to re-assert their responsibility and concern for the depressed areas of the city by direct involvement in custodianship of property. One proposal is that a number of churches each purchase tenements in a single neighborhood, using low-cost, low-capital federal loans, and then pool the needed services of janitors, social work and housekeeper-education help. Such a program, if a group can be found to head it up, would prove a useful pilot study to see what must be done to overcome slum deterioration; it might provide a new impetus for work camps; and it might lead to cooperative housing and a broadened participation by other responsible groups.

The Meeting approved of the report of Peace and Social Concerns, and expressed a wish that the North End housing proposal be explored further.

7. The Treasurer's report was presented by James Reik and distributed for study. Contributions totaling $5,644 have been received this year for the General Fund, for which the amount budgeted was $9,440.

8. The Nominating Committee recommended that Patricia Ritter be a member of Management Committee in charge of the Use of the Meeting House. Talmadge Neece was recommended to replace John Stamm, who has resigned as co-chairman of the Adult Education Committee. The Meeting approved of both these recommendations.

9. Thomas Bodine presented a report for the Trustees of the two Maplewood Avenue properties. These properties are in good condition; their value on the open market would be conservatively estimated at $30,000. The combined mortgages

come to $17,500, against which the Trustees have about $6,000 cash on hand. The Trustees feel that at this time the trust should be dissolved and the Meeting should take over the ownership. The Meeting approved of assuming ownership of the two Maplewood Avenue properties on January 1st, 1963, and expressed deep appreciation to the Trustees for all their work in administering this trust.

10. The sale on December 3rd, 1962, by James E. Reik, acting as treasurer, of thirty-three (33) shares of common stock of the Pure Oil Company was approved.

11. As a general principle the Meeting approved of the selling of shares of stock that have been turned over as gifts to the Meeting.

12. Thomas Bodine brought us up to date concerning the Tractor Fund. Individual Friends agreed to underwrite the difference between purchase price of a new tractor and cash on hand in the Fund. Tom notified Tanganyika Friends, who have purchased and are now using a second-hand tractor. The air-strip is completed, the school and clinic building are under construction, and presently Manchira Friends intend to turn in the used tractor on a new one, so that they will have a really good machine for their crops and for keeping open the road to the nearest town.

13. Paul Butterworth reminded us, for Management Committee, that with all the construction program we should be careful not to bring mud into the Meeting House and other properties

14. A report on the United Church Women was given by Elizabeth Butterworth.

15. Alice Cheney reported on activities of the Young Friends Committee.

Thirty persons were present.

W. Wendell Clepper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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January 10th, 1963

1. The Minutes of the December Meeting were read and approved with one correction.

2. The Annual Report of the Sewing Committee was given by Frances Zane. This group has met twenty-two times during 1962 and has processed 3,616½ pounds of clothing. Special thanks were given to the Eagle Dry Cleaning Company, who again cleaned with no charge, and to the Hartford Dispatch Company, who now for another year have kindly delivered the clothing to Philadelphia.

3. A period of worship followed, during which the Clerk read the Beatitudes from the New English Bible.

4. The Treasurer's report was presented by James Reik. Income to the General Fund in 1962 was $11,781. Expenses from the General Fund were $11,547. For the Building Fund, $4,217 was received.

5. Thomas Bodine, for the Finance Committee, requested that committee chairmen give the Finance Committee within one week their proposed budgets for 1963.

6. Thomas Bodine reported that the Tractor Fund now stands at $2,631. The Meeting expressed appreciation to Providence Monthly Meeting for sending a contribution of $176.50 raised by their youngsters at Christmas time.

7. Katherine Locke requested, for Ministry and Counsel, that each member bring to February Monthly Meeting two comments or suggestions concerning the Spiritual condition of the Meeting.

8. Toos Knuttel and Margaret Morrison were appointed as official representatives to Quarterly Meeting, which will be held here on February 3rd.

9. Paul Butterworth read, for Elizabeth Butterworth, the Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee, and also described plans for hospitality at Quarterly Meeting.

10. The Meeting approved of a special committee to consider and bring to a subsequent business meeting suggestions for the scheduling of Meeting for Worship and First-day School for next year. Friends appointed to serve on this committee were:

Talmadge Neece, Convener
Thomas Bodine
Alice Cheney
Margaret Morrison
Ellen Paullin
Cynthia Reik
Constance Way

11. Bernard Wojan expressed an interest in the possibility of establishing a Friends Elementary School under the direction of Hartford Meeting. It was suggested that other interested members make themselves known to him and discuss the proposal.

Twenty-eight persons were present.

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Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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February 14th, 1963

1. Ralph Williams opened the Meeting by telling how our friend Habil Wejuli is getting along at Trinity College. The Meeting approved of sending letters to Philip Breux at the YMCA to express our appreciation for their giving Habil a room for four months, and to the Rev. J. Moulton Thomas, the chaplain of Trinity College, for providing him with books and a room since Christmas time.

2. A brief worship period followed.

3. Katherine Locke reported for Ministry and Counsel. On February 3rd Ella Chase, good friend, neighbor, and an attender of this Meeting, died suddenly at her home on Maplewood Avenue. Those of us who have known her over the years have valued her friendship and counseling and her interest in this Meeting.

   A resignation as an associate member of this Meeting has been received from Maile Yager Goldberg. It was accepted by the Meeting.

4. Cards were distributed upon which those present should write two concerns relating to the spiritual condition of the Meeting. The cards were to be collected at the end of the Business Meeting, and used to compile the Annual Report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting.

5. Peace and Social Concerns Report was presented by Don Noel. A lecture by Sidney Lens, a well-known writer on labor problems and foreign affairs, is planned by this committee and by the Peace Center. It is expected to be held in Hartford on April 18th or 20th.

   Legislation is pending concerning abolition of capital punishment, housing discrimination, and reduction of defense contracts.

Lynn Scott has regretfully found it necessary to lay down the Work Camp Program unless someone else in the Meeting is able to help carry it on. The Meeting reasserted its concern for the continuance of the Work Camp Program, perhaps with the assistance of the New England AF SC and other groups.

An ad hoc committee was appointed, composed of Lynn Scott, Thomas Bodine, and Constance Way, to set a time for a meeting to explore further whether resources are available within the Meeting for carrying forth this program on a sustained basis.

6. The Treasurer's report was given by James Reik.

7. Thomas Bodine, for the Finance Committee, read and explained the suggested budget for 1963. After considerable discussion, the proposed budget was adopted. The Finance Committee was requested to formulate a statement of philosophy regarding the Meeting's financial responsibilities, consistent with our interests in outreach and in simplicity.

8. John Helfrick reported on the Young Friends' Luncheon and Discussion at the Carpenters at Quarterly Meeting on February 3rd. Their speaker was Charles McGill, a Trinity College student who took part in a Crossroads Africa program in Ghana last summer.

9. A letter from the New England Yearly Meeting was read by Theodore Paullin, requesting support of a Good Friday Peace Vigil in Boston on April 12th from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. We were asked to appoint at least one overseer from this Meeting to attend. The Meeting designated Margaret Morrison to serve as overseer.

10. Ralph Williams read the report of the recorder, Lois Williams. Our Meeting now numbers two hundred and sixty-two (262) members, or about one hundred (100) family units.

Twenty-nine persons were present.

W. Wendell Clapper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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March 14th, 1963

1. Following a pleasant potluck supper and a discussion on stewardship with David Stanfield, Finance and Stewardship Secretary of Five Years Meeting, the Meeting for Business was gathered with the reading of a Query and a period of silent worship.

2. The Minutes of the February Business Meeting were read and approved with one correction.

3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was given by Katherine Locke. A certificate of transfer from Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, Darlington, Maryland, has been received on behalf of Edgar and Marie Wasem and their four daughters, Pamela, Penelope, Karen and Kirby. This transfer was recommended by Ministry and Counsel and approved by the Meeting. Callers appointed are Archie and Dorothy Meshenuk and Paul and Hannah Cleaver.

   Notice has been received of the marriage of Nathaniel Hathaway and Betty Chapin on February 22nd, 1963.

4. Brad Noel presented a report for Peace and Social Concerns. The Sidney Lens talk will take place in Auerbach Hall on April 18th.

   The Peace Center will sponsor a theater party benefit performance of the new movie, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" on Tuesday, March 26th, at the Central Theater, West Hartford.

   On Saturday, April 13th, SANE will sponsor a Peace Walk in Hartford.

5. Thomas Bodine reported on progress of the ad hoc Work Camp Committee. At a particularly fine meeting several possibilities were discussed. It might be feasible to procure help from an AFSC worker who might be located near Hartford. Possible support by the Hartford Seminary or by the Hartford Council of Churches was considered.

6. A traveling minute for Virginia Costales, who will serve with the Peace Corps, was read and approved. She is assigned to go to East Pakistan as a nurse.

7. A traveling minute for Charles and Jacqueline Parton, who are faithful attenders, was read and approved. The Partons will serve with the Peace Corps in North Borneo.

8. Adult Education report was given by Anne Wolf. Adult Discussion group will be held on Sunday, March 31st, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Ruth Lilienthal.

   Anne Wolf will represent this committee at a two-day United Nations Conference in New York on April 4th and 5th.

9. A very thoughtful report was presented by Talmadge Neece for the ad hoc Committee to Consider Scheduling of First Days. It was recommended that Meeting for Worship be held at 10 A.M., with simultaneous organized activities for children under twelve years old who are not attending Meeting. First Day School including Adult Discussion Group would be held at 11:00. Some suggestions were made for simplifying and improving Fellowship luncheons. The altered time of Meeting for Worship would be inaugurated as soon as First Day School is finished for the summer. The Meeting approved a trial of this plan, with a reconsideration after one year.

10. Margaret Morrison reported from Quarterly Meeting. Storrs Indulged Meeting has applied to Quarterly Meeting to become a Monthly Meeting. A committee from Quarterly Meeting intends to visit Storrs on March 17th.

    Pleasant Street Meeting in Worcester, Massachusetts, also has applied for membership in our Quarterly Meeting.

11. At the request of Brad Noel, the Meeting approved an Allowed Meeting of the "Western" Friends for the coming summer months.

12. Paul Cleaver reported on the drive for the New England Friends Home. The pledges are almost entirely paid for the Bailey Room, for which we started to raise funds two years ago. Words of appreciation were spoken to Paul Cleaver for his capable service in directing the solicitation and collection of these funds.

Thirty-five people were present.

W. Wendell Clepper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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April 11th, 1963

1. Because so few were in attendance at the appointed hour, the Meeting was opened with the Annual Report of the Ushering Committee by Archie Meshenuk.

2. Frances Zane reported for the Sewing Committee. There is need for another sewing machine.

3. The Annual Report of the Adult Education Committee was presented by Kiki Wolf.

4. James Carpenter read a report for the Building Committee. Construction over the foundation should begin soon.

5. The Annual Report of the Maintenance Committee was also read by James Carpenter.

6. Cynthia Reik read the report of the First-day School Committee. The final program of the year will be on May 19th at 10:00, followed by the final session of First-day School at 11:00.

7. Attendance by this time having increased to approximately the usual number, including several Young Friends, the Clerk opened a brief worship period by reading a quotation from Thomas F. Green.

8. Fritz Semmler presented the Annual Report of the Nominating Committee including recommendations for officers and committees for the coming year. The report was approved, with the new committees to become officially responsible in June.

9. Katherine Locke read the Report of Ministry and Counsel, and also the Annual Report.

   Carol Murphy has requested that her name and that of her son, Edward, be removed from our membership list, as they have joined another faith. The Meeting approved.

   It was recommended that the names of William and Alan King of Storrs be dropped from the list of members, they having not been in contact with either Storrs Meeting or this one for several years. The Meeting approved.

   Shirley and Storrs Olds, Catherine and Lawrence Parrish, and their children, and Alison Davis have requested transfer of membership from this Meeting to the new Storrs Monthly Meeting, subject to the establishment of such a Meeting. The Meeting approved.

   The Annual Report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting, as compiled from observations and concerns written on cards at the February Business Meeting, was read. This will be mimeographed and mailed to members.

10. The Report of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee was read.

11. The Annual Report of the Library Committee was read by Agnes Boulton. The Meeting approved of exploring the advantages of binding and indexing old copies of the Friends Journal, and discussed whether these copies should be kept in our Meeting House or offered to the Hartford Seminary.

12. Ruth Lilienthal read the Annual Report of the Bulletin Committee and also letters from Virginia Costales in Puerto Rico and in Vermont, where she is training to work as a nurse in Pakistan.

13. James Carpenter read the Annual Report of the Young Friends Committee.

14. Alex Boulton read a helpful report from the Young Friends themselves, expressing their appreciation and criticism of Young Friends discussions on First Day, with suggestions for leaders.

15. A report on her two-day conference at the United Nations was given by Kiki Wolf.

16. James Reik presented the Treasurer's Report. Each month we should contribute to the Meeting $1,146. if we are to reach our goal of $13,750. for the year. In the first three months of 1963 we have contributed a total of $1,878.94. Thus we are already $1,559.06 behind in our individual contributions.

17. Constance Way reported on a recent meeting of the Greater Hartford Council of Churches Special Committee for Senior Citizens.

18. Thomas Bodine gave a summary of activities and prospects relating to the Work Camp Program.

19. The Meeting is expecting a visit from William Hubben in October. Friends are requested to suggest subjects of interest for him to speak about.

Thirty-nine persons were present.

W. Wendell Clapper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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May 9, 1963

1. The Meeting was gathered in silent worship following a reading from John Woolman.

2. In the absence of the Recording Clerk, Marjorie Beechler was named as Recording Clerk for this Meeting.

3. Ruth Lilienthal reported that a meeting of the Work Camp ad hoc Committee scheduled for May 15th has been cancelled. No definite decision has been made by the American Friends' Service Committee's regional office concerning the leadership for continuation of the Work Camp Program, and none is expected until June.

4. A Work Camp Weekend for May 11th and 12th has seventeen young people signed up. Friends are welcome to act as Project Leaders to oversee the painting of apartments in Charter Oak Terrace.

5. Ruth Lilienthal reported that there are still openings for Woolman Hill Weekend, May 30th to June 2nd. Twenty-five Friends have signed up. A maximum fee for families has been established.

6. Margaret Morrison and Ellen Paullin reported on the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held in New Haven on May 4th and 5th.

   (a) Nine members of Hartford Meeting were present.

   (b) The application of Storrs Indulged Meeting to become an established Monthly Meeting was approved.

   (c) The application of Pleasant St. Meeting of Worcester, Massachusetts, to join Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting was approved.

   (d) Friends were asked to review the practice of writing an annual report on the Spiritual Condition with a view to making this more meaningful.

   (e) Ministry and Counsel will meet in Guilford on Saturday, August 3, 1963, at 9:30 A.M., with Quarterly Meeting scheduled for later in the day.

   (f) "Minute 521", prepared by the Guilford Meeting to call Friends' attention to the character of Business Meeting, was explained by Ellen Paullin. Monthly Meetings are urged to discuss this Minjte before the next Quarterly Meeting.

7. With the approval by the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of the establishment of the Storrs Monthly Meeting of Friends, the transfer of Alison Davis, Lawrence and Catherine Parrish, and Storrs and Shirley Olds from Hartford Meeting to Storrs Meeting was confirmed, as was the transfer of the following Associate Members.

Susan Parrish
David Parrish
Lawrence Parrish
Storrs Thomas Olds
Anson Storrs Olds - and
Melinda Joan Olds

8. Katherine Locke, reporting for Ministry and Counsel, said that the Laurence Barber family is transferring to Cairo, Egypt, as of June 1st.

9. Oliver Johnson is duplicating the Meeting records so that originals may be placed in a vault and copies will be available when needed.

10. Ministry and Counsel noted a concern among many of our members regarding tardiness in Meeting for Worship. A statement was prepared to articulate this concern and to suggest that members give this their earnest, individual attention.

11. Suggestions from the Management Committee regarding experimentation in use of various seating arrangements at Meeting for Worship will be welcome as many Friends present expressed concern over the lack of use of our Facing Benches.

12. The Management Committee was commended for their work in restoring the walls of the Meeting Room to their original beauty.

13. The Building Committee, through James Carpenter, reported on the progress of the addition. We should be able to go into interior work by mid-July.

14. Fred Wheeler reported that the Library Committee is at work on the project of binding the Friends Journal back issues.

15. Patricia Ritter, Coordinator of Conference Information, named a number of Friends who will be attending various Friendly gatherings during the summer months.

16. Talmadge Neece, Assistant Clerk, is coordinating the change-over to the new schedule and to the new building.

17. A review of House Rules will be discussed at the June Meeting for Business.

18. About twenty Hartford Friends took part in the Witness for Peace vigil in Boston on Good Friday. Margaret Morrison was an Overseer.

19. James Reik read a report from the First Day School Committee: The First Day School program will be May 19th at 10:00 A.M.; the picnic will be at the home of Leslie and Margaret Buckland on June 9th, following Meeting for Worship.

20. James Reik, Treasurer, made his monthly report.

21. Margaret Morrison reported a worthwhile gathering of New England Friends at Woolman Hill to share concerns about Ministry and Counsel.

There were twenty-eight Friends present, including Sarah Morrison of California.

W Wendell Clepper, Clerk

Marjorie D Baechler, Recording Clerk, Pro Tem

June 13, 1963

1. Minutes of the May 9th Business Meeting were read and approve

2. Friends welcomed visitors, including Maleta M. Neece of Center Friends Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina.

3. Paul Cullen has been chosen by Ministry and Counsel as Clerk of that Committee.

4. Tom Bodine reported that $3464.16 has been collected for the Tanganyika Tractor Fund. This is slightly in excess of the $3300.00 which was promised, and the extra will go for upkeep of the tractor.

5. James Reik presented the Treasurer's report. In order to meet our budget we need $1146.00 each month in individual contributions. Through May we received thus far $3770.24, which is $1959.76 less than required.

6. A report on Habil Wejuli was sent by Ralph Williams. He has passed his subjects at Trinity, which is a fine achievement, but because of urgent need to improve his English, he intends to study this summer at St. Michael's College in Winooski,Vermont. The cost of this course is $467.50, which must be raised. The Meeting approved of a special fund outside of the official budget for Habil Wejuli's summer school expense, with Thomas Bodine acting as collection agent. A letter from Habil was read, thanking the Meeting for his new clothes. Friends approved of sending a reply to Habil, wishing him success in his summer school venture and expressing greetings to his Monthly Meeti in East Africa Yearly Meeting.

7. Friends are asked by the Adult Education Committee to read Jessamyn West's book, "A Quaker Reader", this summer, to prepare for Adult Discussion Group in the fall. Friends are pleased to hear that William Hubben intends to come here October 20th-22nd.

8. Ralph Williams sent a report on Clothing for Southern Negroes. Two tons have been collected; there is some surplus, and it is suggested that the extra be given to the chaplains of the Connecticut Council of Churches Committee on Migrant Workers. This Meeting approved of this plan.

9. A report from the First-Day School Committee was read by James Reik. Friends commented that the annual picnic at the home of the Bucklands was a success.

10. Thomas Bodine reported for the Work Camp Committee. They are hoping that there will be a Community Work Camp program supported by other churches and organizations as well as our own.

11. Leslie Buckland reported for the Management Committee. The Town of West Hartford requires us to replace and level concrete sidewalk blocks and lower adjoining turf on our property. This job is planned as a summer work project for younger male members of our meeting.

12. Talmadge Neece reported that forty-nine individuals from seventeen Meeting families shared a very successful weekend at Woolman Hill.

13. The Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be held in Guilford Saturday, August 3rd. Representatives from our Meeting are Don and Brad Noel.

14. Brad Noel reported that a Bulgarian refugee from Greece, Dr. Nikola Georgiev, will be arriving next week. The Boultons have agreed to extend hospitality to him on arrival, and a position as hospital orderly or technician, has been suggested for him until he can take the necessary examinations in a few months to enable him to practice medicine in this country. At the request of the AFSC, the Meeting approved of undertaking sponsorship with the Boultons, to lend approximately $200 which will be returned, and to help the Doctor with locating a job and a place to live, and to give him guidance in adjusting to this new country. Church World Service is the legal sponsor.

15. A student from Korea, A Mr. Wu, will be coming from July 16th to July 20th to study business here. Any Friend interested in providing hospitality for him for the month, please notify Alice Cheney.

16. Carol Grosberg gave a brief report on the activities of the Peace Center.

17. Western Friends will meet at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays, July 14th and 28th, and August 11th and 25th, at various homes.

Twenty-eight persons were present.

W. Wendell Clepper CLERK

Sylvia M. Helfrick RECORDING SECRE

September 12, 1963

1. The Meeting was opened with a few minutes of silent worship.

2. In the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, Patricia Ritter, acted as Clerk for this Meeting.

3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was read. Shirley Platt Bevin has been a member of the Guilford Meeting since last June. Ministry and Counsel has approved the removal of her name from the list of Meeting members.

   Marguerite Bailey Lawn has requested removal of her name and those of her three children, Mary Lou Kelly, Ruth Anne Kelly, and Walter Lawn, from our membership list. The removal has been approved by Ministry and Counsel.

   Announcement has been received of the marriage of Dr. Alcott L. Smith to Susan Black. Alcott, the son of Bob and Bernice Smith, long active in our meeting, is a veterinarian in Augusta, Maine.

4. The report of Quarterly Meeting in August was presented by Brad Noel. Monthly Meetings were requested to discuss two subjects, "Minute 521" of Guilford Meeting, and the question of recording minister.

   "Minute 521" pertains to per capita payments by Monthly Meetings to Yearly Meeting. In the discussion, our Meeting felt that Yearly Meeting expects support from each Monthly Meeting, but that the amount is decided by each Meeting, customarily on a per capita basis. The basis which we have used in the past has been $10.00 per capita, although some other Meetings have chosen different bases. We feel we have some control over the way in which the money is spent, since we have representatives to Yearly Meeting as well as other members who also attend and have a share in the decisions of Yearly Meeting. It was pointed out, however, that we must always be watchful to preserve the autonomy of Monthly Meetings. With regard to the recording of ministers, our Meeting has never recorded a minister, and after some discussion the Meeting decided that we feel no need for recording of ministers.

5. Dr. Nikola Georgiev, a Bulgarian refugee sponsored by the Meeting, is at present living on Ann Street in Hartford, and working on road-building. The Meeting expresses deep gratitude to the Boultons for housing and otherwise aiding Dr. Georgiev.

6. Brad Noel is unable to continue working with the AFSC to find sponsors for refugees. The Meeting requests the Clerks to work with the AFSC in the matterof refugees for this area.

7. Karen Paullin reported on her summer work with Crossroads Africa in Guinea.

8. Dorothy Meshenuk reported on the religious education laboratory course which she attended in Poughkeepsie this summer.

9. Young Friends Yearly Meeting at Providence in June was described by Robinson Lilienthal.

10. James Carpenter reported on the progress of the new addition. It is expected that it can be used for First Day School in October.

11. Lynn Scott reported on Work Camps for the Fall. A part-time work camp director has not yet been found.

12. Adult Education plans for the Fall were explained by Ralph Williams.

13. Lynn Scott urged the Meeting to undertake some new Civil Rights activities. The Meeting requested that the Clerk appoint an ad hoc committee to explore more ways of easing racial tensions.

14. Richard Conant gave a report for Peace and Social Concerns. He is director of a project concerned with aiding paroled men from Wethersfield State Prison. They hope to have a building as a half-way house, and a professionally trained worker.

15. Theodore Paullin was appointed representative to Quarterly Meeting October 6th.

16. James Reik presented the Treasurer's report. To raise the amount budgeted this year, we need to contribute $1146.00 per month, or $9168.00 by this time in the year. The total actually received so far is $6735.44. Thus we are $2432.56 behind in contributions.

17. In order to help finance the new wing, the Meeting approved the withdrawal of all of its funds presently invested with the Investment and Permanent Funds Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting. The Meeting expressed its thanks to the Committee for its efforts on behalf of our Meeting.

18. Paul Cleaver reported on the Building Fund. Thus far, $7135.00 has been promised, $1100.00 has actually been received. At his request, the Meeting suggested that Ministry and Counsel consider the sending of a letter or other means to speed up the contributions.

19. Marjorie Baechler reported on the Nursery School. The School requests use of some space in the new wing, in order to enroll more pupils and thereby increase their income slightly. This matter was referred to the Committee in charge of the New Building.

Thirty persons were present.

Patricia K. Ritter, Acting Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

October 10, 1963

1. Following a period of worship, Minutes of the September Meeting for Business were read and approved.

2. The Meeting welcomed Moses and Mabel Bailey following their year at Wilmington, Ohio; Melode Brasher, a colleague of Emily McDonnell at Ethel Walker School; and Roger Brainerd, Clerk of the Hartford Young Friends Meeting.

3. In the absence of the Recording Clerk, Melode Brasher agreed to serve in her place.

4. The Meeting acknowledged with thanks the help of Garnette Johnson, Oliver Johnson and Dwight Johnson in providing photocopies of the Minutes of Hartford Meeting, and for storing the original Minutes pending a decision on their ultimate disposition.

5. At the suggestion of Ministry and Counsel and other Friends, the Clerk appointed a committee, to serve for one year, to be responsible for gathering materials relating to the history of our Meeting. They are:

Paul Cullen, convenor
Thomas R. Bodine
Katherine Locke
George Halford
Paul Butterworth
Mabel Bailey
Don Noel

6. Talmadge Neece, Assistant Clerk, reported on developments in the use of the new wing of the Meeting House, and in programming the new First Day schedule. Jane Smith, a Hartford Seminary student, has been engaged to supervise Meeting children who do not attend Meeting for Worship at the 10-11 A.M. period. Financial arrangements have not been completed to the Meeting's satisfaction, but suggestions were made for the consideration of the Friends responsible.

7. James A. Carpenter reported that the completion of the new sing with the help of volunteer labor is progression satisfactorily. Volunteers will be asked to register prior to taking part.

8. James Reik, Treasurer, reported that Ruth Wojan has resigned as Assistant Treasurer. The Meeting approved the appointment of Henry and Marjorie Baechler in her place, with authority to sign checks.

9. Don Noel reported that arrangements had been completed for using Bulk Mail privileges in mailing out the Bulletin and other Meeting notices.

0. The Meeting reaffirmed its stand that the mailing list not be made available to organizations or persons.

1. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee was asked to prepare a list of Meeting families who wished to be placed on the mailing list of the Community Peace Center.

2. The Meeting approved the program begun during the past year to provide work-study fellowships to young people working in New England peace centers through the Turn Toward Peace program. The Treasurer and the Chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee were authorized to continue to make such grants up to the amount received by the Meeting as special congributions earmarked for this purpose.

3. Marguerite Marsh shared a concern for the education of negro children in Prince Edward County, Virginia. Friends were asked to contribute books to this enterprise in Farmville, Virginia.

4. Mary Bouck, Peace Interne working in the Hartford Peace Center and living at the Lilienthal's, was introduced to the Meeting.

5. The local 20th Anniversary Dinner of the Friends Committee on National Legislation will be held at the Bloomfield Federated Church November 9th. Margaret Morrison is Chairman of the Meeting's committee on arrangements.

16. Roger Brainerd gave a report on the Young Friends' program for the year.

17. The Work Camp Committee reported that John Whiting, a junior at Hartford Seminary, had been hired as Director of the Work Camp program for one year.

18. Theodore Paullin reported on the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northampton October 6th.

    Reports of the Spiritual Condition of the various Monthly Meetings will be requested every two years instead of every year. Hartford's report will not be due until the Spring of 1965.

    Meetings were asked to forward minutes bearing on matters of Quarterly Meeting concern to all the Monthly Meetings in the Quarter.

    The question as to whether Monthly Meetings should adjourn their own programs on the Sundays when Quarterly Meeting is convened was referred to Ministry and Counsel.

19. Ministry and Counsel reminded Friends to search their consciences in relation to their financial contributions to the Meeting, particularly for the construction of the new wing.

W. Wendell Bleffen CLERK

RECORDING SECRETARY PRO TEM

November 14, 1963

1. The Meeting was gathered in silent worship following a reading from a Friends' General Conference pamphlet, "How Can Friends Meetings Discover and Discharge their Responsibilities."

2. In the absence of the Recording Clerk, Marjorie Baechler was named as Recording Clerk for this Meeting.

3. Paul Cullen, speaking for Ministry and Counsel, announced that "Regional" Meetings -- five meetings in all with about thirty Friends in each -- will start early in January, either Sunday, January 12th, or Sunday, January 19th.

4. Elizabeth Butterworth reported on ill Friends.

5. James Carpenter, Building Committee, reported that participation in working on the new wing has fallen off. He asked for suggestions and ideas to give Friends the incentive to come out and work. He demonstrated the new, heavy-duty folding door between the new library and the meeting room.

Patricia Ritter, Use Committee, cautioned us on the necessity for assuming personal responsibility in maintaining our building. Children, particularly, need constant supervision by parents and others. A checklist of responsibilities is being drawn up. The building should not be available to outside groups who use it without rental fee unless a member of the Meeting is present to assume responsibility for the building.

Archie Meshenuk, Ushering, mentioned changes in seating at Meeting for Worship. He also discussed the passing-on of responsibility for the building on First Day.

Talmadge Neece gave a further report on "traffic" plans on First Day.

6. Thomas Bodine, Finance Committee, discussed the contributions from individuals to the General Fund to date. Receipts are considerably short for this time of year, in view of the amounts specified in the budget. We usually receive a sizeable sum in December. The Finance Committee will distribute reminder letters after a meeting this month.

Reporting on the Building Addition account, Thomas Bodine was more optimistic. Paul Cleaver has a promise of a sizeable sum payable over the next three years, but emphasizes a need for gifts in "width" rather than "depth". Gifts of labor were recognized as being equal in importance to gifts of cash. Paul Cleaver spoke of the need for a surplus to cover contingencies.

It was suggested that the Building Committee consider recommendations as to paving, landscaping, drainage, etc., and report at the next Meeting for Business.

7. Darianne Meshenuk, reporting for Young Friends, read a report by Eva Lilienthal covering their recent activities. A Bazar is to be held on December 7th with Hartford Young Friends and the Warburton Chapel Pilgrim Fellowship as co-sponsors. Rummage is wanted. The report suggested the abolishing of the Young Friends Committee.

8. Ralph Williams outlined the proposed Adult Education program for December. December 22nd is being reserved for a co-ordinated program, with Young Friends attending the Adult Discussion. On December 29th there will be no activities except Meeting for Worship.

Ralph Williams reported on the progress of Habil Wejuli, our African student at Trinity College. Habil will attend a conference at Camp Mohonk over Thanksgiving and will be asked to report to the Meeting.

9. Several reports were made for Peace and Social Concerns, with emphasis on Civil Rights.

James Reik covered a West Hartford Housing Opportunities Group meeting. James and Cynthia Reik were approved as liaison between our Meeting and this group.

Ralph Williams gave the background on the formation of The Connecticut Committee on Race and Religion, which includes representatives of all major faiths.

Lynn Scott attended a monthly meeting of this Committee and reported to our Meeting, which approved Lynn Scott as our representative to this Committee until such time as the Friends Committee on Social Order can designate a representative.

Thomas Bodine reminded Friends that there are Housing Opportunities programs in communities around Hartford. Other Friends suggested a wide variety of Civil Rights activities in which members might participate.

John Hardiman read a letter from The Reverend J. Blanton Shields, Chairman of the Committee on Racial Discrimination, circulated to ministers of the Connecticut Council of Churches, giving church members the opportunity to register in favor of integrated communities by signing cards.

10. Talmadge Neece called on various representatives of the First Day School to commend on the program provided for children during Meeting for Worship on First Day. The hiring of two college girls to supervise all age groups, in place of the one woman who now handles the age group from seven years and up, was approved. The payment of these two students will equal that of the one woman we are now paying.

11. Thomas Bodine, speaking of our Maplewood Avenue properties, discussed an increase of rental from our tenants. It was suggested that Ministry and Counsel work out an equitable arrangement with Ruth Lilienthal regarding her offer of clerical work in lieu of cash payments.

There were thirty-six Friends in attendance. We welcomed Gwen Logan, an Attender, to our Meeting for Business.

W. Wendell Clapper, Clerk

Marjorie D. Baechler, Recording Clerk

December 12, 1963

1. The Meeting was opened with the reading by the Clerk of the Eighth Query on Race Relations and the Seventh Query on Marriage and the Family. This was followed by a brief interval of silent worship.

2. We welcome Robert and Helen Brill of Williston Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

3. Two posters have been made encouraging Friends instead of sending Christmas cards to those whom they see frequently, to contribute the costs of cards and postage, for use in furnishing the new wing.

4. A Memorial Fund for Mrs. Margaret Rich of Bolton has now reached approximately $76.00. It will be used for some need of the Sewing Committee, in which Mrs. Rich was a devoted worker. Mabel Bailey is composing a Memorial Minute for Mrs. Rich.

5. Ruth Lilienthal read a report of the Young Friends Business Meeting on December 8th, written by their Recording Clerk, Eva Lilienthal. Young Friends held a bazaar on December 7th, by which they earned approximately $80.00. This amount will be shared by the Sunday School of Warburton Chapel. A Woolman Hill conference is planned for Young Friends from December 29th to 31st.

6. Plans for Quarterly Meeting in February was described by Theodore Paullin. The proposed program would be on only one day. The subject for discussion at Adult Discussion Group would be "The Spectrum of Beliefs in the Society of Freinds", and the leader would be Joseph Havens of the University of Massachusetts.

7. Habil Wejuli spent Thanksgiving at a conference at Lake Mohonk and will report.

8. Thomas Bodine gave a report for the Finance Committee. The account for African Students comes out at the end of the year with a deficit of no more than $15.77. The present deficit in the General Fund is only $187.49. An open meeting on finance will be held at the Meeting House on Thursday, January 16th.

9. Our auditor, George Halford, is now satisfied with the records of years 1961 and 1962. He suggested that our Meeting set up a channel whereby contributions to the Friends Committee on National Legislation can be sent through the Meeting treasury. Advantages of this arrangement would be a feeling of Meeting support behind that organization, and also the probable sending of more contributions. The Meeting will consider this proposal and decide at a future date.

10. New England Yearly Meeting has been concerned about the need for a paid Young Friends worker as part of the Yearly Meeting staff. They plan to hire a person for a two-year period for $17,000, salary and expenses.

11. Dr. Nicolai Georgiev has worked in the Highway Department here since August. Having repaid the organization responsible for his coming to this country, and also having saved a substantial amount, last week he moved to New Haven to audit courses in the Yale Medical School.

12. Friends welcomed Bernard O'Shea, who is now the Peace Secretary of the New England Office of the American Friends Service Committee. Having come recently to this office, he is planning to approach Peace Education primarily by interfaith seminars, by evening and week-end conferences, and by establishing and nurturing community Peace Centers. He is hoping to expend from the Cambridge area and serve widespread areas in New England.

13. Don Noel reported on the Triennial Conference of the National Council of Churches in Philadelphia, to which he was representative of the Five Years Meeting.

It was a snowy evening and only eighteen persons were present.

W. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

January 16, 1964

1. The Meeting was opened with the reading of Queries 6, 5 and 4, and a period of silent worship.

2. Friends welcomed Shirley Olds from Storrs Monthly Meeting.

3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Katherine Locke.

   Announcement is made of the engagement of Sally Cheney to Steven Hauschka of Buffalo, New York.

   A subcommittee of Ministry and Counsel called the "Funeral and Memorial Committee" has been formed. Its members are:

   Mabel Bailey
   Francis Helfrick
   Katherine Locke
   Fritz Semmler

   The Committee wishes the Meeting to consider how the graveyard on our property should be handled. Paul Butterworth gave a brief history of this property and how it applies to the present situation. The Meeting expressed no objection to making changes in the graveyard, and referred the matter back to Ministry and Counsel for specific recommendations.

   The Committee requests that the Meeting as a whole suggest ways of memorializing members who have passed away.

   Ministry and Counsel requested the expression of sentiment concerning the opening of the Meeting House for a service on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Meeting approved of deciding at each business meeting before such a holiday whether or not a service would be held, and who should be responsible for it.

Note is made of the death of William P. Kirk, husband of meeting member Ruth Kirk.

4. Patricia Ritter reported on Conference for Friends.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Meeting approved of Constance Way as a replacement on Ministry and Counsel for Alice Cheney, who has resigned.

6. Jeanne Clepper read the annual report of the Recorder. Our Meeting now numbers 252 members.

7. The Treasurer's report was presented by James Reik. Our income for 1963 was approximately equal to our expenditures. The postponed open meeting on finances and next year's budget will be held on Thursday, January 23rd, at the Meeting House.

8. The scheduling of First Day mornings was discussed.

9. Theodore Paullin reported on plans for Quarterly Meeting on February 2nd.

10. Lynn Scott presented a report on the activities of the Committee on Religion and Race.

Thirty-eight persons were present.

W. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

February 13, 1964

1. The Meeting was opened with the reading of the third, second and first Queries, followed by a period of silent worship.

2. As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Alice Cheney presented for consideration the following names for the Landscaping and Grounds Committee:

   Paul Butterworth, Chairman
   Leslie Buckland
   James Carpenter
   John Hardiman
   Art Knittel

   The Meeting approved of this committee.

3. A report of the meeting of the Connecticut Committee on Religion and Race was presented by Lynn Scott.

4. Elizabeth Butterworth reported for the Hospitality Committee that one hundred twenty-two (122) dinners were served at Quarterly Meeting.

5. Don Noel described a proposed housing project in which churches of the Greater Hartford Douncil of Churches would purchase and hold property in a deteriorating area of Hartford in order to rehabilitate and stabilize rental or cooperative housing on an integrated basis. The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends is asked to consider whether it would be willing to take part in such a program as one of several participating church bodies. The Meeting endorsed the support of this project, and appointed a committee to cooperate with other churches in working out details.

   The Peace and Social Concerns Chairman was requested to convene the committee, to include Bernard Wojan, Patricia Ritter, Robert Brill, Ethel Halford, and Thomas Bodine.

6. Emily McDonell read an appeal by Arthur Morgan for help to an educational project in India. Inasmuch as one of our Monthly Meeting members, Don Helm, is involved in this undertaking, the Meeting asked Mabel Bailey to write Don concerning the project and offer our help.

7. Peace and Social Concerns asked Archie Meshenuk to represent the Hartford Meeting at the dinner of the People-to-People Council. At this dinner the activities of the Peace Corps were discussed, and suggestions were made as to how PTA's and other interested groups and individuals can help the Peace Corps.

8. Thomas Bodine informed us that the American Friends Service Committee is considering the possibility of setting up a branch office in Hartford.

9. Art Knuttel announced the Peace Vigil on Good Friday, March 27th, in Boston, and was named an overseer.

10. Copies of the proposed Budget for the General Fund for 1964-65 were distributed and then explained by Thomas Bodine. The Meeting approved of the budget and expressed gratitude to the Finance Committee for its fine work.

11. The Meeting expressed concern about the honorarium for John Rogers and referred this to the Young Friends Committee.

12. The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Ralph Williams. The Committee recommended that Sylvia Gardner be received as a member of our Meeting, by transfer of membership from 15th Street Meeting in New York City. Katherine Locked was named as a visitor.

    Upon the request of Garnette Johnson, the Meeting approved the release of her membership in order to join another church.

It was decided that the Committee on Funerals and Memorials should be a separate committee rather than a subcommittee on Ministry and Counsel.

Because some members of our Meeting have experienced difficulty with the present First-Day schedule, Ministry and Counsel proposed the addition of a second Meeting for Worship at 11:00 A.M., beginning in April.

13. It is suggested that a committee to manage the properties consist of the Finance Chairman, the Clerk, the Chairman of Ministry and Counsel, and the Chairman of the Management Committee.

Thirty-one (31) members attended.

W Wendell Clapper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

March 1964

April 9, 1964

1. The Meeting was opened with an interval of silent worship.

2. The Annual Report of the Young Friends, written by Lynn Scott, was read.

3. Paul Cullen, for Ministry and Counsel, announced the engagement of Minot Greene and Catherine Van Nostrand Hitch.

   Announcement is made of the birth of a daughter, Ellen, to Richard and Gerda Conant, on March 30th, 1964.

   At the request of Edith Clark, Ministry and Counsel recommended the release of her membership. The Meeting approved.

   Mabel Bailey is now in charge of the mailing list.

4. The Annual Report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Paul Cullen.

5. For the Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Sally Cheney and Stephen Hauschka, Elizabeth Butterworth reported that she and Mary Jane Carpenter, after an interview with Sally Cheney, feel that the way is clear for Friends to oversee this marriage. Paul Butterworth and James Carpenter have not yet completed their duties of clearance for Stephen Hauschka. A letter was read from his parents expressing approval of the marriage. Hartford Monthly Meeting agreed to oversee this marriage, and appointed James and Mary Jane Carpenter and Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth to serve as the Committee on oversight of the marriage, which is planned for June 12th, 1964.

6. Elizabeth Butterworth presented the Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee.

7 The Annual Report of the Library Committee was presented by Agnes Boulton.

8. Theodore Paullin is one of a group working on a new pamphlet for the American Friends Service Committee entitled "Non-Violence in International Relations".

9. Elizabeth Butterworth reported on the United Church Women.

10. Leslie Buckland gave the Annual Report of the Management Committee.

11. The Annual Report of the Bulletin Committee was read by Ruth Lilienthal.

12. James Carpenter gave a report for the Building Committee.

13. The Annual Report of the Nominating Committee, consisting of recommendations for Officers and Committees for 1964-1965, was presented by Alice Cheney. The Meeting approved of all the recommendations. Ethel Halford was appointed as the third member of the new Nominating Committee.

14. The Meeting expressed its gratitude to the various committee who have reported, realizing that these reports represent a great deal of loving concern and labor for our Meeting.

15. Quarterly Meeting will be held in New Haven on May 3rd. Nan Wright was appointed representative from this Meeting. Other Friends who may be able to serve in this capacity may be named representatives by the Clerk.

16. The First-Day School has planned two evenings on "Guiding Boys and Girls in Quaker Worship" on April 16 and 23rd. Moses Bailey, Paul Cullen, Katherine Locke, Don Noel, and Mary Jane Carpenter will be panelists.

Thirty-two (32) people were present.

W. Wendell Blepper, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

May 14, 1964

1. The Meeting was begun with a few minutes of silent worship.

2. Paul Cullen reported for Ministry and Counsel.

   A successful panel discussion on "Guiding Boys and Girls in Quaker Worship" was held in April.

   The encouragement of neighborhood meetings is a subject of concern to Ministry and Counsel.

   The Knuttels have adopted two Korean children, Carol and Don.

   Fritz Semmler has been selected by Ministry and Counsel as its Clerk for the coming year.

   Ministry and Counsel wishes Friends to offer them ideas and feelings concerning the scheduling of First-Days.

3. Elizabeth Butterworth has been notified that Lillian Fox, a member of our Meeting, passed away on April 20th, 1964. The Meeting approved of sending a message to her relatives.

4. Archie Meshenuk reported that the Ushering Committee has cheerfully cooperated in the face of complications of the new addition and the two Meetings for Worship.

5. A report of Quarterly Meeting was presented by Archie Meshenuk.

   Storrs Olds requests that Monthly Meetings consider:

1. The role of Quarterly Meeting;
2. The creedal requirement of the Connecticut Council of Churches;
3. The financial relationship between the Quarterly Meeting and the Five Years Meeting and the Friends General Conference.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Rindge, New Hampshire on August 1st and 2nd.

6. Fritz Semmler reported that Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel has been discussing the question of whether a recorded minister from one Monthly Meeting should be generally recognized as such throughout the Quarterly Meeting. It is suggested that Ministry and Counsel take this matter into concern.

7. At the request of Helen Bliss, Chairman of Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee, the following names from our Monthly Meeting were suggested as representatives to Yearly Meeting: Dorothy Meshenuk, Paul and Elizabeth Butterworth, and Mabel Bailey; Robin Lilienthal to the Young Friends Yearly Meeting, and Daria Meshenuk to the Junior Yearly Meeting.

8. Frances Zane read the Annual Report of the Sewing Committee.

9. Paul Butterworth reported "favorably" on his interview for the Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Sally Cheney and Stephen Hauschka.

10. The report of the Finance Committee was read by Thomas Bodine. We should have collected $4727.00 by April 30th; we actually have received $4229.00. No mortgage remains on one of the Maplewood Avenue properties, and the mortgage on the other property is down to $4000.00. We now have a cash balance remaining in the Building Fund of $7700.00. Driveway costs are estimated at $900.00. The remaining $6000.00 may be used to diminish the mortgage on the new addition held by Sunset Foundation.

11. The Meeting wishes to record with gratitude and appreciation the names of Morris and Constance Way, Leon Yager, Fred Wheeler, Ernest Brown, Leslie Buckland, James Carpenter, Don Noel, and Paul Butterworth, who have contributed many hours of labor on our new addition.

12. The Fund for furnishings now stands at $467.00.

13. Moses Bailey reported on the educational project of Arthur E. Morgan, where Don Helm is serving in India. The Meeting requested the Finance Committee to consider whether we can give them $250.00 to pay for another teacher for one year.

14. A letter was read from Virginia Costales, describing her trip to Nepal and pointing out the great need in India for trained nurses. She knows of a girl there who needs $200.00 for her first year in nursing training. The Meeting suggested that

Friends be encouraged to give to this project with Virginia Hicks as coordinator, subject to her consent.

15. Woolman Hill Family Weekend will be May 29th - 31st.

16. Lynn Scott reported on a meeting of the Committee on Race and Religion. She is unable to serve longer on this committee. The Meeting suggested that Lynn Scott discuss a possible successor with members of the Nominating Committee.

17. George Halford reported that our Meeting has been requested to take charge of a worship service this summer at Cathedral in the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire. Friends feel unable at such a distance to do this properly, and instructed George Halford to decline this invitation.

18. Don Noel reported that progress is slow for the group that is working out details for purchase of property for rehabilitation housing. He also brought us up to date with Peace Center activities.

Twenty-nine (29) persons were present.

W. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

June 11, 1964

1. The Meeting was opened with the reading by the Clerk of Page 499 from London Yearly Meeting, on Marriage and the Home.

2. The Clerk expressed our pleasure at the presence of Alexander and Jeannette Purdy.

3. Fritz Semmler presented the report of Ministry and Counsel.

    Regarding the recording of ministers from other meetings in our Quarterly Meetings, Ministry and Counsel has decided to postpone any action until Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel takes action. The Meeting approved of this portion of the report.

    Ministry and Counsel has discussed thoroughly the pros and cons of the various proposals for scheduling of First-Day mornings, and seem unable to agree on any solution which will truly satisfy everyone. The recommendations which they make is to hold Meeting for Worship at 10:00 A.M. and First-Day School and Adult Discussion Group at 11:00 A.M., with permission also for an additional Meeting for Worship at 11:00 A.M. for those who are unable to attend the 10:00 A.M. Meeting. This portion of the report was received and put over for later discussion.

4. The following recommendations were made by the Nominating Committee:

For Representative to the Committee on Race and Religion:

Richard Boulton and Kiki Wolf.

For Public Information: Richard Boulton.

For Auditor: Laurence Morrison.

The Meeting approved of these recommendations.

5. Don Noel reported for Peace and Social Concerns. The churches interested in working out a plan for rehabilitation housing feel now ready to incorporate and need $100.00 to assist in this procedure. Discussion was deferred until after the Finance Report.

6. The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Thomas Bodine.

Until June 1st we received from contributions $4829.75 By prorating, we should have received only $455.00 more. We spent considerably less than expected for the Woolman Hill Weekend. The Finance Chairman believes that $100.00 could be available for helping the rehabilitation housing group to become incorporated. Friends approved of taking for this purpose $100.00 from the Contingency Fund.

7. At the request of the Finance Committee, the Meeting authorized Henry Baechler to sell One Hundred and Thirty-nine (139) shares of Continental Insurance Company stock.

8. The Meeting reaffirmed Minute 11 of the December 13th, 1962, Business Meeting regarding the selling of shares of stock, and approved of authorizing the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to sell at their discretion shares of stock contributed to the Meeting.

9. The Church Housing Corporation may be in a position to buy property during the summer. At the request of Don Noel, the Peace and Social Concerns Committee was authorized to solicit and receive special contributions to the Meeting, to buy - on behalf of the Meeting - equity bonds toward purchase of a house.

10. Richard Conant reported that Ralph Cheney will start work in July as Director of the new Connecticut Halfway House for paroled prisoners. The Meeting expressed its gratitude to Richard Conant for his work in organizing the Halfway House.

11. The Meeting approved of preparing a Minute for Thomas Bodine, who is traveling this summer to Waterford, Ireland, to the Friends World Committee Meetings. He expects to attend Friends Meetings in Limerick, Ireland, and in Paris.

    The Minute is as follows:

    To whatever O'Shaughan or colleen:
    We send you our good Friend Bodine.
        We hear you are quiet,
        So we send you a riot -
    May you squeeze a few words in between.

    This is to be supplemented with an additional Minute of a more customary type.

12. After considerable discussion, the Meeting decided that beginning in September we should hold two Meetings for Worship on First-Day mornings at 10:00 and 11:00, with Adult Discussion Group and First-Day School also at 11:00.

13. The First-Day School needs some equipment to make small children more comfortable. The Meeting requests Dorothy Meshenuk to bring a list to the next Business Meeting.

Thirty-two persons were present.

W. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

September 10, 1964

1. The Meeting for Business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends held on the Tenth Day of the Ninth Month of 1964 was opened at 7:45 P.M. with a period of silent worship.

2. Ralph Williams, speaking for Fritz Semmler, spoke the report of Ministry and Counsel.

    a) Robert and Helen Brill and their two daughters, Louise and Laurel, have requested that their membership in Willistown, Pennsylvania, Meeting of Friends be transferred to Hartford Monthly Meeting. The transfer was recommended and approved by the Meeting. James and Mary Jane Carpenter will act as official visitors to welcome the Brill family into membership in this Meeting.

b) John and Beverly Stamm and sons, Michael and Eric, have requested a transfer in membership from Hartford Meeting to Manhassett, Long Island, New York. Lisa Stamm will remain in Hartford Meeting, but wishes to have her membership changed from associate member to full membership. The Meeting approved these requests. Mary Jane Carpenter will draft a letter of welcome to Lisa.

c) Beginning on the Twenty-Seventh Day, Ninth Month, we will resume the program of two Meetings for Worship on First Day, one at 10:00 and one at 11:00.

d) Items of business to be included on the agenda for Meetings for Business should be given to the Clerk well in advance of the Meeting for Business.

3. Adult Education programs will resume on the Twenty-seventh Day, Ninth Month, at 11:00 in the morning. These discussions will center on the problems concerning Greater Hartford area in housing, race relations, and other such conerns.

4. First Day School programs will resume on the Twenty-Seventh Day, Ninth Month, at 11:00. Workshops for the parents and teachers will be scheduled on the Thirteenth and the Twentieth at 11:00.

5. Peace and Social Concerns Committee will co-sponsor a Council of Churches radio program, "The Truth Seekers", sometime during the Tenth Month. Don Noel, Jr., reporting on the Committee's participation in an Inter-Church Housing Project, presented two questions for resolution by this Meeting:

a) Shall we appoint a member or members to continue the splendid work already done by Scott Nielson, who is leaving the Hartford area to work for A.F.S.C. in Pennsylvania?

b) Do we feel strongly that any project should be run as a church-owned or church-backed group, or whether once organized, we would be equally willing to see it opened to individual members of the Meeting and other churches to buy the shares necessary for financing?

The Meeting accepted Jean Clepper's offer to serve as one of a committee, and suggested that Ethel Halford and George Ritter also serve, contingent upon their personal acceptance. Bernard Wojan, Robert Brill and Henry Baechler also offered to attend a meeting with other church representatives. The sense of the Meeting on the second question was that we definitely want to be involved as a Meeting, leaving a definite decision on the working out of details until the project itself is more definitely formulated.

6. Friends are urged to write and send cards to ill Friends. The Bulletin will provide names and addresses for Friends to consult.

7. Virginia Hicks spoke of a fund raised by concerned members to help a student in Pakistan. A total of about Two Hundred Dollars has been sent to Virginia Costales for this work.

8. Reports of Summer Activities were made as follows:
   a) Thomas Bodine presented Minutes from Limerick, Ireland, Monthly Meeting; Friends World Committee which convened at Waterford, Ireland; and from the Meeting in Cork, Ireland.
   b) Scott Nielson reported on his work with Migrant Laborers in Pennsylvania. Scott is now working for American Friends Service Committee on the Problem of Migrant Labor. He has been living and working in a Migrant Camp for several weeks.
   c) Theodore Paullin attended Quarterly Meeting in August at Rindge, New Hampshire. Ministry and Counsel agreed to continue this Quarter's practice of not recognizing the recording of ministers.
   d) Elizabeth Butterworth and Thomas Bodine spoke briefly about Yearly Meeting.
   e) Paul Cleaver and Hannah Cleaver attended General Conference at Cape May, New Jersey, and Paul spoke of the fine speakers.

9. Gerda Conant announced an evening party to honor Scott and Janet Nielson to be held on the Twenty-fifth day, Ninth Month, at the home of James and Cynthia Reik.

10. Margaret Morrison announced that a gift certificate had been presented to Lynn Scott and her family before their departure.

11. Representatives to Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting to be held in Amherst in Tenth Month will be Don Noel and Talmadge and Edith Neece.

12. Ruth Lilienthal and the Bulletin Committee will provide Calendars of coming activities on the First Day following Meeting for Business. The Calendars will be posted and individual copies will be available.

13. Paul Butterworth expressed concern over unfinished details in our new wing, asked for volunteer help to complete them. Archie Meshenuk announced a Work Camp of Young Friends to be held at the Meeting House during the coming weekend; Leslie Buckland said that volunteers are ready to "seal" the new driveway.

14. Thomas Bodine presented a Financial Report covering the summer months which indicates we have raised a little less than necessary if we are to meet the commitments of our budget this year. He also commented on a gift of stock which paid unexpected dividends through a rise in value during the time it was being processed.

Meeting for Business ended at ten o'clock. There were forty-one persons in attendance.

W. Wendell Clapper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

October 8, 1964

1. James Carpenter read the following Minute of the marriage of Stephen and Sarah Hauschka:

   Sarah Dunham Cheney, daughter of Timothy and Alice Rowley Cheney, was married to Stephen Denison Hauschka in the manner of Friends on Friday, the Twelfth of June, 1964, at the Friends Meeting House, 144 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford, Connecticut.

   This Minute was approved by the Meeting.

2. A traveling Minute was read that had been composed for Thomas Bodine for his visit this past summer to Friendly places, including Limerick, Ireland.

3. For Peace and Social Concerns, Emily McDonell reported that a program called "The Truth Seekers", by Charles Wells, will be heard weekly on Radio Station WPOP, beginning Sunday, October 11th, at 11:00 P.M. Friends are urged to listen to this program and, if they like it, to call WPOP to request an earlier time of evening.

4. Anna Vakar and Don Noel brought us up to date on the current needs and activities of the Peace Center. Friends are encouraged to volunteer to assist in interviewing election candidates and ask them questions prepared by the Friends Committee on National Legislation. The Meeting approved of having the Library used by students, with supervision for research and study on Peace issues. The Peace Center, which started primarily with the more radical activist peace groups, is moving to include more groups which believe in peace but haven't known quite how to express this belief, as the more radical groups are drifting away. The Peace Center takes no particular position except to encourage and implement education and discussion on Peace issues.

5. The Report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Fritz Semmler.

   a) Scott and Janet Nielson have requested membership. The Committee recommended this and the Meeting warmly approved. Moses and Mabel Bailey and Theodore and Ellen Paullin were appointed as Visitors.

   b) A Memorial Meeting for Worship was held in our Meeting House on September 27th for Margaret Foulds, the Mother of Elizabeth Noel.

   c) A Memorial Minute for David Roberts was read by Fritz Semmler. A Memorial Service will be held in the Meeting House on October 10th, followed by a fellowship supper.

   d) A Memorial Service for Elizabeth Hicks was held on October 7th in Rocky Hill.

6. A Report of Young Friends activities was presented by Archie Meshenuk.

   A Young Friends pilgrimage to Europe for five weeks next summer was announced.

   A list of about twenty-five Young Friends of our Meeting who are away from the Hartford area at college or secondary school was read. The Meeting approved of sending a special letter to each one of them, including a mailing list of Young Friends, in addition to a special message in the Bulletin. The students are encouraged in turn to send us news.

7. Fritz Semmler reported on Quarterly Meeting held at the new Meeting House of Middle Connecticut Valley in Leverett, Massachusetts. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel in August recommended that this Quarterly Meeting record no new ministers. This recommendation was approved by the Meeting.

   There was a discussion about whether it should meet twice yearly or once every two years,but no decision was made.

   There was also discussion concerning how to revitalize the Quarterly Meeting by offering each time a discussion of some spiritual concern. The topic suggested for the next Quarterly Meeting in Hartford was "The Spiritual Basis of Civil Rights".

   Theodore Paullin then narrated some of the historical developments leading to the building of the new Middle Connecticut Valley Meeting House.

8. According to the Treasurer's Report, the amount we should have raised this year toward the general budget is $9735.00. The amount actually raised thus far is $6690.00

   This summer we have paid off mortgages on the Maplewood Avenue properties.

9. Francis Helfrick reported on the Meeting held on September 17th to discuss the future education of Habil Wejuli.

Habil has filled out an application for Albany Medical School. There is some question as to whether he will be qualified to enter an American medical school, because of language handicap and cultural lag. He has practically no financial resources from his government or tribe.

Friends at the discussion recommended that a committee explore our commitment and responsibility for the needs of Habil, and the possible resources available to help him earn the M.D. degree which he feels is necessary to him.

Ralph Williams reported that the estimated need at medical school is approximately $3200.00 per year.

The Meeting approved of Ralph Williams and the Clerk and some other particularly interested Friends discussing what to do with Habil's application for Albany Medical School and bringing recommendations to the next Meeting for Business.

10. James Carpenter reported that we have been offered a brick house in Hartford which could be placed on our property in place of the house at 143 Maplewood Avenue which is in very poor condition. The cost of moving the house is estimated at $25,000.00 to $30,000.00.

The Finance and Management Committee are requested to study the matter and report to the next Meeting for Business.

N. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

November 12, 1964

1. The Meeting was opened with a period of silent worship.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting for Business of September 10th, 1964 were read and approved.

3. Report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Fritz Semmler.

a) At the request of Edith Clark, Ministry and Counsel recommended that her membership in this Meeting be discontinued. The Meeting approved. There is uncertainty as to whether her son, David A. Clark, who is married, wishes to remain an associate member.

b) Florence Greene has informed us that she intends to become an associate member of the First Congregational Church of Jaffrey, Jaffrey Center, New Hampshire. Through her late husband's family, she has long been associated with this church. She asks that a Minute be sent to the minister of the church. The Meeting approved of this associate membership, and a letter will be sent.

4. The Memorial Committee reported the loss by death, on October 30th, 1964, of Thomas Harvey, one of the founding members of this Meeting. A Memorial Service was held for him in this Meeting House on Saturday, November 7th. Running through the entire Meeting was a theme of thankfulness for Thomas Harvey's life, gratitude for his many contributions to Quaker purposes, and respect for his integrity and conscience.

5. It was reported that young James Carpenter was injured on November 10th in an automobile accident.

   Mabel Bailey informed us that Ted Jones, a grandson of Alexander and Jeannette Purdy, was tragically killed on October 3oth.

6. Paul Butterworth spoke briefly of possibly hauling away a gravestone from our burial ground.

   The Meeting suggested that he get in touch with a member of the family involved and be sure of his feelings in the matter.

7. Ralph Williams gave an interim report about the situation of Habil Wejuli. Habil's application for admission to the University of Rochester Medical School has been practically refused.

   Habil intends to go back to Kenya and practice medicine. He states that he has no desire to go into politics and would practice elsewhere than in his own village rather than stand for Parliament. He feels that the medical education he could get in the United States is better for his purpose than that which he could get in Uganda.

   The Institute of International Education has raised his grant to $850.00 this year. He hopes he can get a fellowship for medical school from the African-American Institute if he is admitted.

8. For Peace and Social Concerns, Emily McDonnell reported that on February 26th, 1965, Charles Harker will speak for the Friends Committee on National Legislation in the Meeting House.

9. Don Noel reported for the church cooperative housing group that there is now an organization called Church Action, Inc. They will soon search for a two-three family dwelling to buy and renovate.

   They are ready to sell bonds to Meeting members, hoping to raise $6000.00 to finance this project.

10. John Hardiman is planning to collect books from various sources, including books discarded by Libraries, and send them to Mississippi where they are very much needed.

11. The Meeting approved of Charlene Shepherd serving on Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

12. The Treasurer's Report was given by Marjorie Baechler. Needed to complete this year's General Fund budget is $4766.00

    Committee heads are asked to start planning next year's budget requests.

13. Thomas Bodine will show slides of his trip to Ireland on November 16th in the Meeting House.

14. Theodore Paullin has agreed to be coordinator of Quarterly Meeting here in Hartford in February.

15. Minute No. 10, from the October Business Meeting, was read and approved.

16. A review of the many problems of First Day scheduling was made, with considerable discussion.

    Ministry and Counsel was asked to try to determine what arrangements would be most suitable on a practical and Friendly basis.

W. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

December 10, 1964

1. The Meeting opened with the reading of a few verses from the Book of Psalms, and a period of quiet worship.

2. A talk on Vietnam will be given in our Meeting House on Thursday, January 28th, by Robert Brown, an economics teacher at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. Robert Brown has lived and worked in Vietnam. The lecture will be preceded by a potluck supper.

    Friends are urged to view a television program concerning the United Nations on December 28th, sponsored by the Xerox Corporation of Rochester, New York, and to write the sponsors if they wish to encourage such presentations.

3. James Carpenter reported that there has seemed to be little enthusiasm for undertaking the proposed moving of the brick house to Maplewood Avenue. The Finance and Management Committee have decided not to proceed with it.

4. Ministry and Counsel reported that after further discussion of First-Day scheduling, they recommend that the present arrangement be continued. Friends discussed the possible spiritual impact of the Meeting of having two Meetings for Worship; also the question of length of the Meeting. The Meeting then approved of the recommendation, as expressed by Ministry and Counsel, that the present schedule of Meeting for Worship, First-Day School, and Adult Discussion Group be continued until such time as the way opens for a change.

   Friends are also urged by Ministry and Counsel to visit the sick, to make an effort to greet visitors at Meeting, to attend other Friends Meetings for Worship when possible, and to be prepared to undertake pastoral duties when specifically requested by Ministry and Counsel.

   Talmadge Neece is unable to continue serving on Ministry and Counsel, since he and his family intend to move to Atlanta,Georgia, in the near future.

   Fritz Semmler read a portion of a questionnaire containing several queries concerning Meeting for Worship, for us to ponder. It was suggested that they be included in the Bulletin.

5. Don Noel reported on uncertainties in the Peace Center. Anna Vakar has resigned as of February 15th, and there may not be enough volunteer leadership to make possible a strong program.

6. Ed Hinshaw, New England Yearly Meeting Young Friends leader, will meet with Adult Discussion Group and Fellowship Luncheon on December 13th, followed by discussion with Young Friends in the afternoon and a get-together in the evening at the home of Archie and Dorothy Meshenuk.

7. Thomas Bodine, of the Finance Committee, informed us that predicted expenses for this year are now $13,001. Income has totaled $11,561, leaving a gap to be filled of approximately $1500.

8. The American Friends Service Committee is considering setting up a Hartford sub-office with a full-time staff worker, and would hope to occupy space in this building. A meeting to discuss this prospect will be held in Cambridge on January 15th.

   Thomas Bodine explained what would be the relationship between the Meeting and an AFSC office located in its community. They would be organically separate, but hopefully would work together intimately. The staff worker would work with such activities or groups as college and high school students, Young Friends, work camps, money raising, education about American Friends Service Committee projects in other parts of the world, recruiting of Service Committee workers, civil rights, or housing opportunities, depending on his special skills and interests.

Several Friends expressed their interest in cooperating with such a venture.

Twenty-five persons were in attendance..

W Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Secretary

January 14, 1965

1. On the Fourteenth Day, First Month, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-five a regular Monthly Meeting for Business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was gathered in silent worship at 7:45 P.M., with Elizabeth Butterworth as Acting Clerk, and Marjorie Baechler as Acting Recording Clerk.

2. Comments concerning the spiritual condition of our Meeting will be welcomed by Ministry and Counsel by the end of January.

3. Peace and Social Concerns Committee urges Friends to telephone their friends to gather attendance for Robert S.Browne's lecture on Viet Nam on January 28th at the Meeting House.

4. A number of Hartford Friends will journey to Cambridge, Massachusetts, on January 15th to meet with the Executive Committee of the Cambridge American Friends Service Committee to discuss the possibility of having a Hartford office of American Friends Service Committee. A special Meeting will be called later so that members who attend this Meeting in Cambridge may report to our Membership.

5. Theodore Paullin told us the plans for next Quarterly Meeting of Connecticut Valley Friends, to be held in our Meeting House on February 7th, 1965.

6. Representing the Nominating Committee, Theodore Paullin suggested the following two Friends to replace Talmadge Neece, who has left our Meeting:

    a) John Brainerd for Ministry and Counsel;
    b) Kiki Wolf for Finance Committee

    Robert Brill was suggested to replace Ralph Williams on Ministry and Counsel.

Members present approved these nominations.

7. Alice Cheney, reporting for the Use Committee, presented revised rules and regulations for the use of the buildings or any of its rooms by outside groups or member groups.

   The report was approved by the Meeting, and will be filed with the Minutes of this Meeting for Business. It will also be circulated to individual members with a future Bulletin.

   Friends present acknowledged a request from Halfway House board of directors to use the Meeting House for the counseling of paroled prisoners, and approved of making the Meeting House available to this group.

8. Adult Discussion Chairman Brad Noel announced future plans for the Discussion Group, with a series on "Quaker Saints" to begin on February 14th, 1965.

9. Members approved the report of Finance Committee Chairman Thomas Bodine, who announced that we had ended 1964 with a deficit in the general fund of $201.00. Ninety-six member families contributed $13,570.00 to the general fund in 1964, and $13,771.00 was disbursed.

   Thomas Bodine urged members to bring any questions concerning Meeting finances to the attention of the Finance Committee.

10. Ethel Halford will represent our Meeting at a meeting of the United Church Women.

11. Changes in address, telephone, or member status should be given to the Recorder by the end of February, when she will prepare a new list.

12. Members welcomed Alan and Rosalind Spears who attended this Meeting for Business.

Elizabeth T Butterworth Acting Clerk

Marjorie D. Baechler Acting Recording Clerk

February 11, 1965

1. The Meeting began with a few moments spent in silent worship

2. A report on the present situation of Habil Wejuli was presented. It was learned in a talk with him yesterday that his marks for the first semester of his senior year at Trinity College were three C-plus and two C-minus. The fact that he was granted an interview at Albany Medical College on February 9th seems encouraging, and Ralph Williams expressed the opinion that although he was at first among the skeptical, he is now optimistic about

Habil's ability to work hard and continue improvement if admitted to Medical School.

3. One hundred and eighteen persons, including many new faces and several negroes, attended the Viet Nam lecture here given on January 28th by Robert S.Brown.

4. For the past two and a half years, the Peace Center has been given a car for its use by Russell Pontiac. They would like to give this now to the Meeting, instead of the Peace Center. This would involve no expense to the Meeting,since insurance is contributed separately in addition. The Meeting approved of taking title to a car for use of the Peace Center and related activities.

5. Bond purchases have been pledged by individual members to Church Action, Inc., and they feel almost ready to arrange for a mortgage and search for a house and tenants.

6. Announcement is made of the National Friends Conference on Race Relations to be held at Richmond, Indiana, on June 18-21, 1965. It is hoped that Monthly Meetings will try to send members to this conference if possible. The matter was referred to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

7. Thomas Bodine reported on the development of plans for a sub-office of the American Friends Service Committee in Hartford. At a meeting in Cambridge on January 16th, attended by several Hartford Friends, it was decided to explore further and work out details of job description, budget, administrative authority in Hartford and Cambridge, etc. Since then, several concerned Friends in Hartford have drafted and discussed a proposed job description and budget.

   The Community Council of the Peace Center has expressed the intention to cooperate with and contribute to the proposed office of the Service Committee.

8. The annual report of the Recorder was presented by Jeanne Clepper and is on file.

9. Copies of the proposed budget for 1965 were distributed and explained by Thomas Bodine. After considerable discussion,a budget of $13,600.000 was adopted, the squeeze being put on several items in order to allocate more money to Equipment and Supplies for purchase of a needed movie projector.

10. Fritz Semmler reported for Ministry and Counsel. Friends are urged to send Ralph Williams comments and concerns on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting before February 20th, for amalgamation into an eventual Quarterly Meeting report.

    Robert Brill, to assist us in becoming better acquainted with one another, has kindly volunteered to compile some biographical sketches of Friends in this area that may be mailed out from time to time with the Bulletin.

11. Friends approved of authorizing the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Clerk, and Chairman of Finance Committee to sign checks on behalf of the Meeting.

12. Robert Brill and Ruth Lilienthal reported on Quarterly Meeting. About one hundred and eighty Friends of all ages attended. Seventeen people were present at the Meeting for Business.

    At the Ministry and Counsel meeting on membership, it was felt that more emphasis should be placed on members being seekers.

    It was urged that Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel meet on Saturday evening because the one-hour Sunday morning meeting was too rushed.

    There is room for more transient Friends in Beacon Hill Friends House. China Camp has bought additional undeveloped land and plans to expand. There is need there for a nurse, a swimming instructor, and more teachers.

    Ed Hinshaw urged us to attend more Friends Conferences and Seminars at the United Nations and at Washington.

    The next Quarterly Meeting will be in New Haven on May 2nd. Yearly Meeting Executive Council suggests that Quarterly Meetings be set up with Monthly Meetings on a state basis.

    Appreciation was expressed to Mary Jane Carpenter and Archie and Dorothy Meshenuk for their shouldering the burden of caring for a large crowd of children for several hours during Quarterly Meeting.

    It was suggested that Quarterly Meetings be held according to a more flexible geographical schedule so that a given Monthly Meeting's turn would not always fall in the same season of the year.

Nineteen members were present.

W. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

March 11, 1965

1. The Meeting was gathered in silence on March 11, 1965. Members approved of Marjorie Baechler's sitting in for the absent Recording Clerk.

2. The Clerk welcomed Friends who have returned from trips, and encouraged those attenders who were present to continue to come.

3. James Reik, speaking for Ministry and Counsel, reported that the last meeting discussed adjusting membership lists. Inactive names were particularly noted and members feel we should reach out to them. It was suggested that associate members be invited to become full members soon after they reach eighteen.

   A report of the spiritual condition of the Meeting will be presented at next Meeting for Business.

4. An inquiry was received from a Jamaican Friend who wishes to have her baby "baptized in the Quaker Faith" at our Meeting. Response to the inquiry has been deferred until the family has actually visited our Meeting.

5. Emily McDonell, for Peace and Social Concerns, reported on the recent FCNL dinner.

   On March 1st Arlo Tatum will speak at the Meeting House on "End of the Draft".

   A volunteer is needed to send out pamphlets and answer occasional letters regarding the pamphlet "What the Churches Say on Capital Punishment".

   The New England Yearly Meeting Peace Committee wishes each Meeting to appoint overseers for the Boston Peace Vigil to be held on Good Friday. Theodore Paullin and Henry Baechler will be asked to act as overseers to represent us.

6. Thomas Bodine made a special report as Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting on the voter registration situation in Selma, Alabama, as it concerns Friends. An AFSC worker, James Reeb, was clubbed while participating on a recent walk led by the clergy.

7. The National Council of Churches is asking churches to send representatives to Washington immediately to attend a briefing and join others in contacting Legislators.

   Following discussion of the content of possible telegrams to be sent to Washington, D.C., by Thomas Bodine, members agreed that our concern for the family of James Reeb be explicitly directed to Mrs. Reeb and to the Executive Director of the Cambridge AFSC office. Elizabeth Butterworth will send these messages.

8. Thomas Bodine stated that on February 19th three Hartford Friends went to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to discuss further the proposed AFSC office in Hartford.

   Don Noel will work up a statement covering the use of a proposed worker's time by the Peace Center.

   On March 17th Hartford and Cambridge Friends will meet halfway in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Friends are welcome to join this group.

   A meeting scheduled for March 18th in Hartford is cancelled.

9. June Ridgeway presented the Work Camp schedule for the remainder of the year.

10. First Day School chairman Dorothy Meshenuk reported on the visit of the New England Yearly Meeting Christian Education Committee to our Meeting House. Twelve members attended, including Ed Hinshaw, Young Friends worker.

11. Finance Committee chairman Thomas Bodine reported a substantial deficit in the general fund. Friends are urged to send regular contributions.

    Reporting on our expenditures for Habil Wejuli, Thomas Bodine brought members up to date on Habil's progress in finding a place in a medical school.

    Expenditures in the Special Student Aid fund will exceed our budgeted amount by about $500, to be raised outside the Meeting.

12. The Meeting was asked to authorize treasurer Henry J. Baechler to sell fifty shares of Shamrock Oil and Gas common stock which have been given to the Meeting. Friends present authorized him to proceed with the sale.

13. The Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

W. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Marjorie D. Baechler Acting Recording Cle

April 8, 1965

1. The Annual Reports of the Adult Education Committee, Library Committee, and Sewing Committee were read.

2. The Clerk expressed our pleasure at the presence of Marguerite Marsh and Marcia Paullin.

3. Friends were gathered in worship for a few minutes.

4. Announcement was made of the death of a former attender, Mary Ellen Platt of Madison, Connecticut. Fred Wheeler attended the funeral.

5. The Clerk read a letter offering for sale to Friends a private school property in Coventry, Connecticut, called the Coventry Day School. There being no Friends who felt able to undertake at present the running of a school, it was decided to decline the offer.

6. Emily McDonell read the Annual Report of Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

7. Thomas Bodine reported on recent developments concerning the proposed Hartford office of the American Friends Service Committee. A job description and a budget are being planned, to include a staff worker and secretary. The staff worker would spend a little more than one-third of his time for a youth program and work camps, about one-third of his time supervising the Peace Center office worker, and a little less than one-third of his time with miscellaneous activities.

8. Mary Jane Carpenter reported for the ad hoc committee on Civil Rights. They have been investigating the need for a directory of community organizations and their functions.

9. The Peace Center is making reservations for a bus trip on April 16th to 18th to a Washington, D.C. Peace March dramatizing a request for negotiation in Viet Nam.

   A Peace Walk under the sponsorship of the Peace Center will take place in Hartford on April 17th.

   A bill against capital punishment had a hearing this week in committee. Richard Conant spoke for our Meeting against capital punishment. Friends are urged to write letters to State Legislators.

   Friends are reminded of the annual Peace Vigil on Boston Common on Good Friday.

10. Richard Boulton reported concerning Dr. Nicholas Georgiev, who has just been discharged from the hospital and is in need of a home and job. The Meeting expressed its deep appreciation to the Boulton family for taking over so much of our responsibility toward Dr. Nick. The Meeting reaffirmed its continuing responsibility and designated Richard Boulton, Richard Conant, and Arthur Wolf to assist him in working out his plans.

11. Archie Meshenuk presented his annual report as advisor to Young Friends.

12. The Nominating Committee distributed copies of its proposed officers and committees for 1965-1966. Friends approved of the proposed nominations and expressed appreciation for the work of the Committee.

13. Annual Reports from the representative to United Church Women, Use Committee, Hospitality Committee, and Bulletin Committee were presented.

14. The biennial report on the State of the Society was presented and approved.

15. Fred Wheeler and Dorothy Meshenuk were appointed representatives to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven on May 2nd.

16. Fritz Semmler read the annual report of Ministry and Counsel.

W. Wendell Clepper CLERK

Sylvia M. Helfrick RECORDING CLERK

May 13th, 1965

1. The Clerk opened the Meeting by reading part of the first chapter of John, followed by a few minutes of silence.

2. Friends welcomed back Virginia Costales who returned last weekend after spending two years in Pakistan with the Peace Corps.

3. Thomas Bodine reported that four days ago an ad hoc nominating committee was appointed by a group of interested members of this Meeting to recommend members for service on the Committee of the new Hartford branch of the American Friends Service Committee.

   The following members were recommended to represent our Meeting on this AFSC Committee: Thomas Bodine, Chairman, Richard Boulton, Paul Butterworth, Richard Conant, Archie Meshenuk, Ellen Paullin, and Arthur Wolf. Other members of our Meeting who will also serve on this Committee are: Mary Jane Carpenter, Ruth Lilienthal, Don Noel, June Ridgeway and James Reik.

4. June Ridgway informed us of work camp plans and activities for this spring.

5. For Peace and Social Concerns, Emily McDonell read a proposed message to be sent to President Johnson, to the Congressional delegation from Connecticut, and to Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The Meeting approved of sending this message, which is placed on file.

6. On Saturday, May 22nd, a conference called "The Peace Corps in Action" will be held at Trinity College, sponsored by the Greater Hartford People to People Council. Don Noel, Arthur Knullte and Virginia Costales from our Meeting will take part in the program.

7. Sylvia Gardner is now working for the Peace Center.

8. Richard Conant reported on the ad hoc Committee on Civil Rights.

9. Theodore Paullin, being our new Clerk, has resigned from the Nominating Committee. The Meeting appointed Fritz Semmler to take his place on the Nominating Committee for one year.

10. Dorothy Meshenuk read the Annual Report of the First Day School. On May 23rd the First Day School will hold an Open House after the ten o'clock Meeting for Worship. On June 13th, the Meeting Family Picnic will be held at the Butterworths.

11. Fritz Semmler reported for Ministry and Counsel.

> Robert K. Mooney has requested that membership of himself and five children be discontinued in order that they join Trinity Episcopal Church. Upon recommendation of Ministry and Counsel, the Meeting approved of acceding to this request.

Barbara Mooney wishes to remain a member of our Meeting.

12. Fred Wheeler reported as Representative to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven on May 2nd. An illustrated talk by Beatrice Goff and Harold Anderson on "Religious Symbols at Work" proved particularly helpful to those who attended.

The question of revising Quarterly Meeting boundaries to correspond with state boundaries was discussed. It was recommended that if some Meetings feel a need for it, this Quarterly Meeting would go along with such a decision, but there was felt no need to seek such a change in division.

The summer Quarterly Meeting will be omitted, the next one being planned for the first Saturday and Sunday in October at Mt. Toby Meeting.

13. Fred Wheeler has been appointed a trustee of the J.K.L. Scholarship Fund for needy applicants to private secondary schools.

14. Aid from the Equalization Fund is available for Young Friends who wish to attend Yearly Meeting.

15. Friends wish to minute an expression of deep appreciation to Wendell Clepper for his three years of outstanding service to the Meeting as Clerk.

Twenty-nine persons were present.

W. Wendell Clepper Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick Recording Clerk

June 10, 1965

1. The Business Meeting opened with the Clerk's reading of the third query from the New England Yearly Meeting, and with a short period of silent worship.

2. James Reik reported, for the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel that they propose that during the summer months there be one Meeting for Worship each First Day at 10:00 A.M. This was approved by the Meeting.

3. It was also agreed that the Meeting would experiment with th suggestion that after Meeting for Worship there be announcements concerning sick Friends and greetings to visitors.

4. Many Friends had just attended the small gathering to congratulate our East African Friend, Habil Wejuli, on his graduation at Trinity College.

5. It was announced that the Adult Discussion Group will not be in the fall until October 10th, which will be after the Octo Quarterly Meeting.

6. The Clerk read a letter of appreciation from the Quaker Lane Nursery School for use of space in our Meeting House and for counsel on policy from the Friends' representative on their board.

7. Eva Lilienthal made an excellent report on a conference she attended in Washington, D. C., in April. This was attended also by Young Friends from California, Indiana, Philadelphia and New England. Activities included orientation by Friends Committee on National Legislation, attendance at sessions of Congress and Congressional Committees, and a speech by an Assistant Secretary of Defense. She noted a sense of a "working government" and "people hammering at problems" and how concerned our representatives are to know our opinions.

8. The Sewing Committee will meet only on call during the summer.

9. James Carpenter, Jr., hopes to go to Australia in the fall and requests a traveling minute from our Meeting. The Meeting asked the Clerk to send such a minute.

10. Robert Buckland is a paratrooper in Vietnam and his address is available for those wishing to write him.

11. Don Noel made a request for volunteer help in the Peace Center, and gave a report on its present activities. An interview with Senator Ribicoff brought forth some individual views on American policy in the Dominican Republic.

12. The Connecticut Race and Religious Action Commission is requesting a representative from our Meeting. This was referred to the committee on Peace and Social Concerns.

The Meeting adjourned, planning to meet again on September 9th.

Theodore Paullin
Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Jeanne M. Clepper
Jeanne Clepper, Acting
Recording Clerk

September 9, 1965

1. The Meeting was opened with a brief period of silent worship and a reading of the Ninth Query from the new New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline.

2. Fred Wheeler presented the report of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, which has met monthly throughout the summer. They are maintaining contact with Graham Leonard, who is staying temporarily in England en route home from Ramallah.

   Copies of a brochure for a California Quaker Retirement Center are available from Ministry and Counsel.

   Marguerite Marsh is still hospitalized in a New Hampshire hospital, following an automobile accident. She has been visited and found in good spirits.

   Marcia Paullin has applied for membership in our Meeting. Upon recommendation of Ministry and Counsel, the Meeting very warmly welcomed Marcia to full membership and appointed Brad Noel to visit her as soon as possible with another Meeting member.

It was suggested that when applications are made for membership, letters of acknowledgment should be sent immediately to the applicants, if necessary, explaining our rather deliberate procedure.

3. Ralph Williams reported on the status of Habil Wejuli's educational plans. He hopes to attend Northeastern University this coming year as a candidate for a Master's degree in Biology. He feels that with this degree he may be able later to attend an American medical school in Nairobi. Habil needs, roughly, $2,000 for the next year, $700 of which may be needed within two weeks. Discussion of Habil was interrupted in order to hear a statement from the Treasurer.

4. Thomas Bodine reported that we still need $588.75 to pay the balance of Habil's last semester at Trinity College. The total amount budgeted for the General Fund this year was $13,600. The amount received through August was $6,300. We have no appreciable funds to fall back upon at this moment

5. There was a very lengthy discussion of Habil's needs during which the Meeting expressed its concern for the continuing support of his education. Wendell Clepper, Thomas Bodine and Ralph Williams are asked to explore the possibility of raising enough money from members of the Meeting or other sources to finance the first payments due in the next two or three weeks. If this is possible, then the Meeting can include the remainder in the budget for the next fiscal year.

6. The Clerk expressed our pleasure at the presence of several visitors from the Elmwood Community Church.

7. The First Day School will resume classes on September 26th. All are invited to attend an illustrated discussion of "Frier and the Children" at 11:00 A.M. It is recommended that posta cards be sent.

8. The Meeting approved of resuming On October 10th the winter schedule of two Meetings for Worship, at 10:00 A.M. and 11:0

9. Arthur Wolf announced that Adult Discussion Group will be resumed on October 10th at 11:00 A.M., with Virginia Costales speaking on Pakistan. For the ensuing three weeks, there is planned a discussion of the book entitled, "A New China Polic

10. October Quarterly Meeting will be held October 2nd and 3rd at Mount Toby Meeting. Ruth Lilienthal and Brad Noel are named representatives of our Meeting.

11. The Nominating Committee reported that three members of the Bulletin Committee can no longer serve: Ralph Williams, Betsy Cheney and Virginia Hicks.

Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Meeting approved of the following persons serving:

Eva Lilienthal
Virginia Costales
Elizabeth Helfrick

12. Appreciation was expressed to Emily McDonell for her enjoyable and unusually fine report describing the week at Avon Institute in July.

13. Woolman Hill needs a chairman for a fund-raising drive in the Greater Hartford area.

14. At the request of the Committee for the new American Friends Service Committee office in Hartford, the Meeting approved of permitting use of the Meeting list of members and attenders for AFSC mailings.

Twenty-two members and eight visitors were present.

Theodore Paullin
Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

October 14, 1965

1. The Clerk opened the Meeting by reading the Eleventh Query from the new New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline. Elizabeth Butterworth read a dedicatory prayer which was used at the dedication of a new Community Center for New Horizons.

2. The report of the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel was presented by Fred Wheeler.

   (a) Graham Leonard requests that his membership be transferred back to Hartford Meeting from Ramallah. Ministry and Counsel recommends that this be done and accepts responsibility for informing Graham of the action. He presently is sojourning in England.

   (b) Ministry and Counsel has sent the best wishes of the Meeting to Georgia (Halford) Lozito. She was married this summer and now resides in Wethersfield.

   (c) Ministry and Counsel has sent our greetings to Jane Ralston Burdekin, now of Mariemont, Ohio, who was married October 2nd. Jane attended our Meeting last year and is now in close contact with the East Cincinnati, Ohio, Meeting.

(d) A letter of transferral of membership for Florence I. Carpenter from Whittier, Iowa, to our Hartford Meeting has been received. Ministry and Counsel recommends that a welcoming committee be appointed to express the pleasure of the Meeting in having Florence Carpenter as an official member of our group.

(e) Habil Wejuli is at Northeastern now doing graduate study in biology. We express great concern over the large financial burden on a very few Meeting members in relation to the many who vocally encourage his further studies at Meeting expense We hope a clearly understood plan of our Meeting commitment, with a termination date specified, be made known to Habil an the Meeting in order to prevent emergency requests for money

3. The Meeting approved the transfer of membership of Graham Leonard back to this Meeting from Ramallah Friends Meeting.

4. The Meeting also approved the transfer of membership of Florence Carpenter from Whittier Monthly Meeting, and warmly welcomes her to membership.

5. Fritz Semmler reported for the Nominating Committee.

   (a) Virginia Hicks has asked to be dropped from the list of ushers. The Ushering Committee reports that there is no need for a replacement at this time.

   (b) John Brainard has asked to be relieved of duties on Ministry and Counsel, for family reasons. Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Meeting approved of James Carpenter as a replacement.

6. Wendell Clepper reported that $575 was contributed by Meeting members for Habil Wejuli, and about $100 more has been pledged through December. About $175 has been given by other than Meetin members, making a total of about $850. It is suggested that Ralp Williams and Thomas Bodine recommend to the Meeting a more defini financial arrangement with Habil.

7. James Carpenter for Management Committee reports that we are face with some extraordinary expenses. We have two dead trees that ne to be removed immediately, for an estimated cost of at least $400 We also need a snow blower, which, with Bob Kearney's defunct one as a trade-in, will cost us approximately $200. Children are ask not to stand on the radiators, and we are all reminded to take th best possible care of our Meeting House property.

8. Emily McDonell reported for Peace and Social Concerns that we hav a new representative, Charlene Shepard, who attended a recent mee ing of the Race and Religious Action Committee. Gerda Wallach is now our representative to the People-to-People Council. Church Action, Inc., has located a four-family house in West Hartford.

Fifteen Hartford Meeting families were represented at Quarterly Meeting. Brad Noel sent a report on the Business Meeting.

(a) Each host Meeting should decide whether that particular Quarterly Meeting should occupy one or two days.

(b) Gerald Bliss gave a report on the Young Friends pilgrimage to England this summer.

(c) Leslie and Winifred Barrett reported on their sojourn in Africa.

Ruth Lilienthal reported that Russell Johnson was a speaker on India and the Vietnam situation. Round table discussions, folk dancing, fellowship and Meeting for Worship were all enjoyed.

Hartford Monthly Meeting will be host in February.

The Meeting approved of the Chairmen of concerned committees bringing in suggestions as to the program for the February Quarterly Meeting.

There will be a potluck supper here on October 28th, with Virginia Costales speaking on Pakistan and showing slides.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the books are now being audited. Letters will soon be sent to serve as a reminder to Friends and as a check on the amounts so far received.

Gerda Conant was appointed as liaison with the Nursery School.

A letter from the Overseers on Nottingham Meeting in England informs us that Frances Day, an 18-year old Young Friend from their Meeting, is serving as a mother's helper in West Hartford. The Meeting requests that Alice Cheney be asked to get in touch with her.

A letter from San Francisco Monthly Meeting expresses their welcome to Helen Ridgway of our Meeting as a sojourning Friend.

The Meeting approved transfer of the title to the automobile, donated to the Meeting for the use of the Peace Center, to the American Friends Service Committee. It also approved the transfer of the title of the automobile now held in the name of the Meeting for the use of the Peace Center to Richard Russell, the original donor, or to any person or agency designated by him.

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

November 11, 1965

1. The Meeting was begun with the reading of the Twelfth Query from the new New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline, followed by an interval of silent worship.

2. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel reported:

   (a) Lois Williams died of cancer on Monday, October 18, 1965, after many years of suffering. This has been reported in Meeting for Worship and in the October Bulletin.

   (b) Ministry and Counsel suggests that the February Quarterly Meeting in Hartford provide for a Saturday evening Ministry and Counsel Meeting.

3. Gerda Conant reported as liaison person with the Nursery School.

   The school would like to raise the tuition by $10 per pupil per year, to avoid undue depletion of savings account and to allow for a few scholarships. The last raise in tuition occurred seven years ago. Present charges are $115 for the two-day nursery and $165 for the three-day nursery. The Meeting endorsed the proposed raise of tuition

4. Emily McDonell reported for Peace and Social Concerns.

   She attended a meeting of the Friends Coordinating Committee, which consists of eight groups including the American Friends Service Committee, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, the Peace Committee from Five Years Meeting, and some Yearly Meetings. They discussed problems of peacemaking in Vietnam. Some of their suggestions are:

   (a) Inform ourselves on issues.
   (b) Discuss issues in public meetings.
   (c) Work through FCNL.
   (d) Send representatives to an assembly in Washington for consultation and action February 4 to 7, 1966.

   Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee proposes that our Meeting cooperate with the efforts of this Council.

   A letter from Stephen Cary to the Young Friends says that some Young people in Vietnam who have been in work camps have initiate some projects in rural Vietnam as the Voluntary Youth Association of Vietnam. He recommends that other young people be given an opportunity to go to Vietnam and work along with them.

   A March on Washington concerning Vietnam will take place November 27th. A bus will leave Hartford the night of November 26 for th who wish to go. The March is an effort to demonstrate that many respectable persons and organizations wish to support demonstrations against our Vietnam policy.

A letter was read from Sylvia Gardner, thanking all concerned for the car previously owned by the Meeting, now transferred to her ownership.

A supper will be held at the Meeting House on Monday, November 15, followed by a meeting of the Committee for the Hartford office of the American Friends Service Committee.

Church Action, Inc., raised $7,000 and bought a $40,500 four-family house at 18-20 Park Road, West Hartford. One white family remains there; a negro widow with five children intends to move in this weekend. Two four-room apartments downstairs are still vacant.

The Meeting encourages Peace and Social Concerns to find a way to send a representative of our Meeting to the assembly in Washington on February 4, 1966.

A letter was read from Jane Ralston Burdekin in Columbus, Georgia, thanking the Meeting for our wedding gift. She tells of their experiences in a segregated town in the deep south that is also an army town.

A letter was read from Lucia Barber in Mogadiscio, Somalia, requesting math and language school books for use in her teaching of children there.

Friends World College on Long Island is in session this fall, as an Institue, and also needs books on the college level, particularly relating to Friends concerns.

Thomas Bodine reported for the Finance Committee.

The 1963 books have been audited and the auditor's report is on file. In it is a special commendation to the Treasurer for the accuracy and excellence of the records.

Thomas Bodine also distributed copies of a description of Habil Wejuli's situation in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A budget of $2,070 is proposed for him now through July 1, 1966, and in addition he needs approximately $125 worth of clothing. This is a tight budget and it is proposed that we write Habil suggesting possible ways for him to explore to earn a little extra money. Last year's deficit from Habil's expenses no longer exists.

The Meeting authorized the Treasurer to make deficit disbursements along the lines of this budget and asked the Finance Committee tentatively to put $900 in next year's budget to meet Habil's needs. We would hope to receive $200 in special gifts for him before January 1st, and approximately $900 more in special gifts before July 1, 1966.

Robert Brill assumes responsibility for helping Habil buy clothes.

10. The Meeting approved of inviting Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to supper and making overnight plans for them on Saturday night of next Quarterly Meeting. A Quarterly Meeting Sunday schedule was proposed:

    Meeting for Worship 10 to 11 A.M.
    Meeting for Business 11 A.M.
    Lunch
    Afternoon program until no later than 3 o'clock.

11. The Meeting is pleased to note that Dr. Georgiev has passed his ECFMG examinations for Foreign Medical Graduates, and is now entitled to serve an approved internship in this country.

Twenty-two persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

December 9, 1965

1. The Meeting opened at 7:40 P.M. with a short period of meditatio The Clerk read from the Fifth Query in the revised New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

2. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel submitted the following repo

    (a) Ministry and Counsel is making a determined effort to maintain mail contact with Young Friends in the armed force

    (b) This Christmas season many young Friends will be home from distant schools and jobs. Friends are encouraged to get reacquainted with these young people.

3. The Finance Committee has contacted Friends in the past month reminding them of their financial responsibilities.

4. Sunday, December 26, the Adult Discussion time will be spent getting reacquainted with young Friends. Fellowship Luncheon will follow, giving Friends further opportunity to visit.

5. Paul Butterworth reported that the trees in the rear of the Meeting House property that are dangerous will soon be taken dow

Robert Kearney's job promotion in the Public Schools was announced. The Meeting expressed its congratulations to him.

The Meeting will have a Christmas collection box, with a poster explanation, in the front lobby. Friends will be encouraged to donate money in the box rather than exchange Christmas cards among themselves. The money will be used for the Habil Wejuli fund.

Ralph Williams reported on Habil Wejuli's progress at Northeastern. There is a possibility of Habil's receiving a Research Fellowship for the last two quarters of the school year. He will be here for a few days during the Christmas holidays, December 22 through 26. Friends able to host Habil for any part of this time should contact the Cleppers.

Ellen Paullin expressed concern that more and suitable Quaker pamphlets be made accessible to Friends and attenders at our Meeting. These could be prominently displayed on the table in the front hall. (Perhaps the Library Committee can best assume this job).

February Quarterly Meeting plans are well under way. The Clerk will be the coordinator of all planning for this meeting.

Tom Bodine leaves for a Jamaica trip on December 23. A Traveling Minute, with greetings to Jamaica Friends, will be prepared by the Clerk for Tom to take with him.

Thomas Bodine brought greetings from Carl and Daphne Brown, who are wintering in Sarasota, Florida.

Ellen and Theodore Paullin reported on the "March in Washington" held the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Many families from all over the country, as well as individuals, made up the 40,000 participants. Friends participating from the Hartford Meeting included: Louise Brill; Ellen, Karen, Marcia and Theodore Paullin; Robinson Lilienthal, Scott Nielson, Gerda Conant and Lynn Scott.

Thomas Bodine reported hearing the Pope's speech at the United Nations General Assembly Session. Thomas Bodine attended as Chairman of the Quaker United Nations Program Committee.

Wendell and Jeanne Clepper reported meeting with Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Friends the day following the Washington March. Pittsburgh Friends are purchasing property for a new Meeting House.

Two funds for Norman Morrison's family have been started by the Stony Run, Baltimore, Maryland, Meeting. Details of these are on notices posted on the Bulletin Board in the front hall.

Arthur Wolf reported on January plans for the Sunday morning Adult Discussion. The topics and dates for same will appear in the Bulletin.

18. Nicholas Georgiev has secured an internship starting January 1 at Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut. He has improved his citizenship status so that he is now on an immigrant visa.

The meeting concluded with a period of meditation at 8:55 P.M.

Eighteen members were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Fred Wheeler
FRED WHEELER, Recording Clerk (Act

January 13, 1966

1. The Meeting was gathered in silence. The Clerk read the First Quer of the Revised Queries of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

2. Fred Wheeler, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel, made the following report:

   (a) We have a letter requesting transfer of membership for Katrina Shaffer Beaghan from our Meeting to the First Presbyterian Church of Haddon Heights, New Jersey. Ministry and Counsel requests Monthly Meeting to send a letter of recommendation to the First Presbyterian Church, and also a letter to Katrina Shaffer Beaghan wishing her well in her new church relationship.

   (b) The annual revision of the Meeting Membership List is being planned. Changes should be brought to the attention of Constance Way.

   Members accepted Ministry and Counsel's request regarding the transfer of membership.

   Notes and news of Friends who are ill or who have had accident were exchanged.

3. Emily McDonell, for Peace and Social Concerns, announced a Friends Peace Coordinating Committee Conference to be held in Washington, D. C. on February 11. Emily McDonell and Ethel Halford will represent the Meeting at this conference.

4. In the absence of Thomas Bodine, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Marjorie Baechler read a report of the status of the General Fund for the year 1965. A copy of this report is incorporated with these minutes. Members approved the suggestion that a gift of $100

from the Estate of Aaron Cohen be applied against the deficits in our Special Student Aid accounts. The Finance Committee will meet on January 26 to prepare preliminary budget figures which will be presented at the February Meeting for Business.

A report on the coming Quarterly Meeting was made by Theodore Paullin. Quarterly Meeting will be held in our Meeting House. Ministry and Counsel will meet on Saturday, February 5; all other meetings are scheduled for Sunday, February 6.

The Mayor of West Hartford has invited clergymen and laymen to attend a Meeting on Housing for the Elderly on January 24. Paul Butterworth plans to attend.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M., purposing to meet again on February 12.

Sixteen Friends were in attendance.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Marjorie D. Baechler
MARJORIE BAECHLER, Acting Recording Clerk

ruary 10, 1966

The Meeting was opened with the reading by the Clerk of Query number ten from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline. This was followed by a period of silent worship.

The Ministry and Counsel report was read by Robert Brill.

(a) Ministry and Counsel has met and spent a large portion of the time discussing the quality of our Meeting for Worship. We were encouraged to hear the same concern occupy much of the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel session.

(b) Andrew Linn, a Quaker from the Wilmington, Delaware Meeting, has moved to our area and has attended some of our Meetings. His new home is in Farmington, where he is a mathematics teacher at Miss Porter's School. Friends are encouraged to get acquainted with him.

Several Friends reported on Quarterly Meeting. Francis Helfrick reported on the Business session. He was especially impressed with our sticking to our prearranged schedule. The most significant act of the brief business meeting was the abolishment of the office of Treasurer of Quarterly Meeting. Brad Noel pointed out that in the Ministry and Counsel session on Saturday night, there was considerable discussion of Young Friends. Mount Toby Meeting seems to have become particularly active since the building of their new Meeting House. Eight dollars worth of pamphlets was sold during Quarterly Meeting, mostly about Vietnam, some about China or Peace. There were expressions of great pleasure at hearing Elizabeth Babbett's talk on Nigeria in the afternoon.

4. After distributing copies of the proposed budget for 1966, as prepared by the Finance Committee, Thomas Bodine explained the items in detail. After extended discussion and clarification, the Meeting accepted the proposed budget with one small change. Appreciation was expressed and gratitude for all the painstaking work and excellent presentation of the Finance Committee.

5. Richard Conant read a report from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. A question was raised in their meeting as to whether Friends can do anything to better the low wage levels being paid to workers from the depressed areas of the city. Peace and Social Concerns had no specific recommendations to make at this point. A lively discussion ensued concerning the employment of domestics and what constitutes a fair wage. It was suggested that an Adult Discussion be held on this subject at a future date.

   Peace and Social Concerns Committee suggests that the Meeting scholarship fund might be applied to a child from an underprivileged background if it is not used for a child from a Meeting family.

6. Adult Discussion group will have an open discussion of Vietnam thi coming Sunday. Subsequent discussions will be held on such subjec as: What's Wrong with the Quakers and Quakerism? - A Look Into th Future - and Music.

7. Charles and Jacqueline Parton will show slides of their two years with the Peace Corps next Thursday evening, February 17, preceded by a supper.

8. Ruth Lilienthal requests a co-editor for the Bulletin. This was referred to the Nominating Committee.

9. The Meeting decided that due to poor attendance at Fellowship Luncheons, on the first Sunday in the month a luncheon will be hel but luncheon will be omitted on the other Sundays.

10. Ministry and Counsel is asked to consider the best time of breakin up of the ten o'clock Meeting for Worship, in order that it be sufficiently long and yet allow adequate time for the eleven o'clock meeting for Worship. They are requested to bring in a recommendat

Eighteen members were in attendance.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

March 10, 1966

1. The Meeting was gathered with the reading of the Seventh Query from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline, and a few minutes of quiet meditation.

2. Emily McDonell was one of our representatives, and also was Chairman of the Connecticut delegation to the Friends Conference and Vigil in Washington, D. C. on the weekend of February 11. She presented a detailed report on this conference, which had been organized by the Friends Committee on Peace.

3. On Thursday, March 24, we will have a letter-writing bee at the Meeting House.

4. At the request of Peace and Social Concerns, the Meeting adopted the following Minute:

   > Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends in May of 1965 expressed deep concern over the developing war in Vietnam. Today, as casualties among our troops and the Vietnamese fighting men and civilians continue to mount, we feel a sense of guilt for the continued use of arms as a solution.
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   > We deplore the actions of both sides in this extremely inhumane conflict through which so many innocent people are suffering.
   >
   > We call upon the President of the United States and all other responsible officials to initiate action for de-escalation and a peaceful settlement through a Geneva Conference and negotiation with all parties concerned, including the National Liberation Front.
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   > We wish to point out that economic and social aid will accomplish little as long as gains made in this way are wiped out by our bombs and other military actions.

   The Meeting expressed a desire to send this Minute to our President, our Senators, and all Connecticut Congressmen, as well as to Senators Fulbright, Morse, and McGovern, and to some local newspapers.

5. On May 22, Russell Johnson will be here for a Sunday evening supper, followed by a public meeting at which he will speak on his work in Southeast Asia.

6. David Truskoff has now been in charge of the new American Friends Service Committee office in Hartford for six months, and told us about his activities. He first described his present work camp program, which is for young people of high school age. He hopes to initiate a college age work camp program next year, and later to develop a program for elementary

school children. After explaining some of his peace education activities, he added that the Committee would like to establish some permanent interfaith seminars. He described his activities (and Latin-American seminars) counseling young men of draft age, and the difficulties in making information about conscientious objection available to boys who are interested. He called attention to the case of David Mitchell, a young man who has refused to register for the draft, basing his refusal on the concept of individual responsibility as brought out at the Nuremberg trials

7. A public witness for peace will be held again this year on Good Friday, April 8, by the statue of Mary Dyer on Boston Common. At the request of New England Yearly Meeting, our Meeting appointed Margaret Morrison and Sylvia Helfrick as overseers of this peace vigil.

8. Following a suggestion of Margaret Morrison, the Meeting approved of offering to provide subscriptions to the FRIENDS JOURNAL for the Hartford Public Library, the West Hartford Library, the University of Hartford, and Trinity College.

9. Robert Brill read the report of Ministry and Counsel.

   (a) There is a vacancy for a Friend at the New England Friends Home in Hingham, Massachusetts.

   (b) Ministry and Counsel is most grateful for the programs offered by the Adult Education Discussion Group.

   (c) There is a need to update our pamphlet, "Welcome to Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends." Ministry and Counsel has done this, and requests approval from Monthly Meeting before having our updated version printed. Changes are primarily those of scheduled events, their place of meeting, and their time of meeting. The exact cost is unknown, but the need warrants the expense.

   (d) In considering the updated pamphlet, it is appropriate to reconsider now the 11:00 A.M. Meeting for Worship. The attendance at this Meeting has been very small, according to the Ushering Committee records. Should we be scheduling and/or publicizing this 11:00 A.M. Meeting for Worship? Guests coming to this Meeting, and Hartford Friends welcoming them, have found it uncomfortable, due to the small number present. Several Friends have found themselves attending two Meetings, or coming to the 11:00 A.M. Worship out of a sense of duty when they wanted to attend the 10~~0~~:00 A.M. Worship and the 11:00 A.M. Discussion Group. While Ministry and Counsel cannot at this time unanimously recommend eliminating the 11:00 A.M. Meeting for Worship, our one hesitant dissenter fully endorses asking Monthly Meeting to reconsider our regular planning for this 11:00 A.M. Worship.

The Meeting approved of the proposed updating, and some members felt that the pamphlet include the telephone numbers of the Meeting House and Peace Center.

The Meeting decided that a second Meeting for Worship will be held after the rise of the first Meeting, but that public announcement will be made only of the 10:00 A.M. Meeting.

. At the suggestion of Ellen Paullin, the Meeting approved of having someone responsible for welcoming and introducing visitors at the close of Meeting for Worship, and also for announcing at that time the Adult Discussion Group and Fellowship Luncheon, and Meetings to be held in our Meeting House during the week. This should be the responsibility of who~~m~~ever is assigned by Ministry and Counsel to break Meeting.

1.The Meeting adjourned after a few moments of silence, purposing to meet again on April 14, at which time it is expected that George Bliss from the Meeting School will be present.

Twenty-one persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

pril 14, 1966

The Meeting was opened with a period of silent worship and the reading of the Eighth Query from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline.

The Treasurer's report was read by Thomas Bodine. Twenty-nine families have pledged $4,639 toward the General Fund for 1966. Contributions actually received toward the General Fund budget of $13,525 total $2,803.50 as of March 31.

The report of the Special Student Aid Fund is as follows:

Present deficit in this account	$1,268.34
Budget for 1966 for this purpose	900.00
Actual Cash Deficit	368.34
Expenditures for April 1966	97.50
Expected Expenses through July 1, 1966	303.00
	$ 768.84

At the request of the treasurers, the Meeting authorized the opening of a savings account in the Society for Savings.

3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by their Clerk, Fred Wheeler.

    1. We are pleased to recommend William Halford as an Adult member of Hartford Monthly Meeting. His letter requesting this was received this month. Bill has been listed as a Junior Member of our Meeting, and has been attending Oakwood School.

    2. It also gives us pleasure to recommend Ann Marie Miller as an Adult member, with her daughters Marianne and Jennifer to be listed as Junior Members of Hartford Monthly Meeting.

    Friends approved of both of these recommendations and appointed Thomas Bodine and Elizabeth Noel to write and visit William Halford, and Marjorie Baechler and Elsa Cullen to visit and welcome the Millers into membership.

4. The Annual Report of Ministry and Counsel was then read by Fred Wheeler and placed on file.

5. The Meeting requested that Ministry and Counsel consider whether names of attenders should be published in the Bulletin.

6. A letter was read from Marie Carden describing three small children in need of a home and family, and inquiring whether some Friends would like to take one of them into their family. This request will be published in the Bulletin.

7. A letter was read from Alexander and Jeannette Purdy, thanking the Meeting for their Easter greeting card.

8. A letter was read from Karen Paullin and Philip S. Will requesting marriage under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting. Committee on Clearness were appointed. Richard Conant and Arthur Wolf are to visit Philip Will, and Cynthia Reik and Sylvia Helfrick are to visit Karen Paullin, reporting back to Monthly Meeting in May or June.

9. Quarterly Meeting is planned for May 7 and 8 at New Haven. The Meeting appointed Henry and Marjorie Baechler and Theodore Paulli as representatives.

10. Fritz Semmler distributed copies of the Annual Report of the Nominating Committee, consisting of nominations for officers, committees and representatives to serve from June 1966 through May 1967. The Meeting approved of the proposed slate and expressed appreciation for the excellent work of the Nominating Committee.

1. Robert Brill was appointed by the Meeting at large as the third member of the new Nominating Committee, to serve for three years.

2. Elizabeth Noel explained her family's plans for extensive travel this coming year. The Noels expect to attend Tokyo Yearly Meeting in November, and to visit Friends in Hawaii, Hongkong, India, and eastern Europe. The Meeting authorized the Clerk to prepare a Travelling Minute for the Noels to carry with them.

3. The Annual Report of the Recorder for the year 1965 was presented by Jeanne Clepper, and was approved by the Meeting.

4. Announcement was made of the death of Clint Taylor, Clerk of Middletown, Connecticut Meeting. Permission has been given them to use our Meeting House for a Memorial Service on Saturday, April 16, at two o'clock.

5. Thomas Bodine, Florence Carpenter, and Sylvia Helfrick reported on the Peace Vigil on Good Friday in Boston. Louise Brill, Thomas Brown, Margaret Clepper, Margaret Helfrick, Robinson Lilienthal, Sylvia Helfrick, John Reik, and Thomas Ritter also attended from our Meeting. The experience was dignified, meaningful and prayerful, and good attendance was maintained until the close at four o'clock. Friends are wholeheartedly encouraged to attend this vigil next year if possible.

6. Frances Zane presented the Annual Report of the Sewing Committee.

7. Richard Conant has $93.30 in an account for the Connecticut Committee on Social Order. This Committee did meet several years ago and worked for the abolition of the death penalty. It has not met now for several years and Richard Conant wishes the Meeting to accept this money and place it in an account for the purpose of working toward abolition of capital punishment in Connecticut. The Meeting approved.

8. Thomas Bodine read a letter from friends in Tanzania, the group whom we assisted in obtaining a tractor four years ago. The tractor has been replaced by a second hand truck which is now in need of repair and unusable. The Meeting encouraged Thomas Bodine to find out from Friends United Meeting in Kaimosi whether this is something which Hartford Meeting should be concerned with, or whether Friends United Meeting should more properly take on this concern.

1. Friends welcomed a visitor to Monthly Meeting, Reverend Abram Sangrey from Bolton Methodist Church.

2. The Meeting closed with a few moments of silence, to meet again on May 12, 1966.

Twenty-Two persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

May 12, 1966

1. The Meeting was opened by the Clerk with the reading of the Second Query from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipli

2. The report of the Treasurer was read. Thus far $4,169 has been actually received in 1966, approximately the same amount as at this time last year. Thirty-seven families have signified intentions to contribute $7,133.

3. Fred Wheeler presented the report of Ministry and Counsel.

   (a) Laura Jo Judd is recommended for membership as a transfer from Mount Toby Meeting.

   (b) The updated Monthly Meeting pamphlet is expected to be ready for distribution in approximately two weeks.

   (c) Robert Brill ~~is~~ will be the new Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.

   Friends welcomed Laura Jo Judd to membership and appointed Gerda Conant, Ruth Lilienthal, and Dorothy Meshenuk to make her a welcoming visit.

4. Announcement was made of the death of Martha Gardner Osborne Rayburn, sister of Sylvia Gardner. A Memorial Service is to be held on May 14 in Old Lyme.

5. It was announced that the wedding of Jill Brainerd and Robert Roc will take place on Saturday, June 25 at Trinity Methodist Church in Springfield, Massachusetts. All Friends are invited to attend the wedding as well as the luncheon reception following at the home of the Brainerds.

6. The report of Quarterly Meeting in New Haven was given by Fred Wheeler and Archie Meshenuk. Twenty-one Friends from Hartford Monthly Meeting attended. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel devoted itself to coordinating five reports on the condition of the Meetings. At the Meeting for Business there was discussion of how to use the existing balance of $189. inthe Quarterly Meeting treasury. The Meeting membership increased by one in 1965, from 591 to 592. The Guilford Meeting is being laid down. Moses and Mabel Bailey and Marion Jessel were appointed as representatives to New England Yearly Meeting, as were Daria Meshenuk for the Young Friends and Christina Meshenuk for Junior Yearly Meeting. There was a panel discussion on the problem of understanding between youthful and adult members. Edwin Hinshaw reported on his activities as Yearly Meeting Young Friends Secretary. The next Quarterly Meeting will be August 6 and 7 at the Meeting School, Rindge, New Hampshire.

7. Emily McDonell reported that the Friends Committee on National Legislation would like some visitors from Connecticut to come to Washington for their "Wednesdays in Washington" program on Vietna

8. Our Meeting is asked to act as "hosts" and serve refreshments for the Honor Court, which is a weekly program for alcoholics held at the Hartford City Court House. We have agreed to do this on May

Ralph Williams described a project of the Connecticut Council of Churches called Project Equality. This project involves most Protestant churches, as well as the Jewish, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches in Connecticut. It is an experimental three year program encouraging fair employment practices. This project is already begun in Wisconsin and Illinois. Connecticut is the first eastern state to continue with it.*

Ralph Williams brought us up to date on the problems facing Habil Wejuli with regard to getting his Masters degree at Northeastern University. Because he has been working on his thesis, he has been taking less than a full load of courses. His thesis is nearly completed but he still needs three more courses and also comprehensive examinations. Ralph Williams was asked to reactivate the old ad hoc committee, including Wendell Clepper and Thomas Bodine, to consider this problem and to present recommendations to the next Monthly meeting.

The Meeting joined in an expression of appreciation to Fred Wheeler for his devoted service as Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.

Alice Cheney presented the Annual Report of the Use Committee.

The final regular session of Adult Discussion Group will be on Sunday, May 29.

The Friends family picnic will be on June 12, following Meeting for Worship.

Levinus Painter is expected to be at the home of the Brills on Wednesday, May 18. Friends are invited there in the evening to hear him talk about his experiences in Africa.

The Meeting closed with a few minutes of silent prayer, purposing to meet again on June 9.

Twenty-three persons were in attendance.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

*The Meeting expressed its approval of the basic principles of Project Equality, and its desire to cooperate with it. Quarterly Meeting is to be informed of this approval.

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June 9, 1966

1. Friends were gathered in worship following the reading of the Sixth Query from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline.

2. With regard to the wedding of Karen Paullin and Philip Will, Arthur Wolf and Sylvia Helfrick, from the Committee on Clearness, reported that following their visits with Karen and Philip they felt that the two young people are ready for this marriage and that the Meeti can comfortably proceed with oversight of the wedding. The Meeting appointed George and Patricia Ritter and Arthur and Kiki Wolf to serve as the Committee on Oversight of the marriage. Present plans anticipate that the marriage will take place on September 4, 1966.

3. The Meeting requested Robert Brill to write a letter to Jill Brainard expressing the concern and interest of our Meeting in her approaching marriage to Robert Root on June 25, 1966.

4. A letter was read from Liesa Stamm, informing us of her prospective marriage to Steven Auerbach in September, and requesting a clearance from our Meeting. Their intention is to be married under the care of Manhasset Monthly Meeting, where the remainder of the Stamm family are members. The Meeting asked the Clerk to write a letter to the Clerk of Manhasset Meeting to indicate that Liesa is a member in good standing of our Meeting, that we have known her well, have confidence in her, and see no reason why the marriage should not take place.

5. Emily McDonell reported for Peace and Social Concerns. Florence Carpenter attended yesterday a session of "Wednesdays in Washington."
Virginia Costales reports that Lysa, the sister of Henry Thiagaraj of Madras, India, the student to whom some members of our Meeting sent money for nurse's training, is getting a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, and intends to do mental health work.

6. Quarterly Meeting will be held in Rindge, New Hampshire on August 6 and 7. Ruth Lilienthal, Margaret Morrison, and Theodore Paullin were appointed representatives.

7. Ruth Lilienthal has been named by our Nominating Committee to be representative from our Meeting to the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee.

8. The Meeting felt unable for lack of facts to make a decision regarding further support of Habil Wejuli, and requested the Clerk to get in touch with Ralph Williams. If it seems advisable, he will telephone Habil's advisor at Northeastern University to ascertain what Habil will need in order to get his Masters degree.

9. Flyers about Project Equality were distributed, and the Clerk read a letter about this project from Ralph Williams.

The Clerk was asked to write a Travelling Minute for Deborah Reik, who will, next fall, be attending school in Letchworth, just outside London, England, and one for Emily McDonell, who will be sojourning in Russia and other European countries this summer with an interracial seminar led by Jerome Davis called, "Promoting Enduring Peace."

After a period of worship the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again September 8.

This was a very small Meeting, only 14 being present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

IAL MEETING FOR BUSINESS

19, 1966

Following the rise of the Meeting for Worship, Friends were gathered in a special business meeting called by the Clerk for the purpose of considering further the marriage of Liesa Stamm and Stephen Auerbach.

It became the responsibility of our Meeting to clear the couple for marriage. Accordingly, the Clerk, in view of the lack of sufficient time to accomplish this business during regularly scheduled Monthly Meetings, appointed last week Arthur and Kiki Wolf and James and Cynthia Reik as a Committee on Clearness. This Committee has visited with the two young people and reports favorably on their readiness for this marriage.

The Meeting approved of sending a report to Manhasset Monthly Meeting indicating that the couple is clear for marriage, and requesting that Manhasset Monthly Meeting assume responsibility for oversight of the wedding. The Meeting also asked the Clerk to appoint later a person or persons to represent our Meeting at the wedding, which is expected to take place on Saturday, September tenth.

The Meeting was closed with a few minutes of silent worship.

Thirty-two members were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

September 8, 1966

1. The Meeting was opened by the Clerk with reading of the Fourth Query from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline.

2. The Treasurers' Report from Henry and Marjorie Baechler was read by the Clerk.

   Total Receipts through August 31 are $6,100.97 to the General Fund. This is slightly better than in the first eight months of last year, but slightly under 8/12 of the amount needed for the General Fund for 1966.

3. The Clerk of Ministry and Counsel, Robert Brill, presented their report.

   (a) The revised pamphlet about the Meeting, for distribution to visitors, is now on the table in the entrance hall.

   (b) Copies of a new address list are now available. Robert Brill will be handling the mailing list for the next three months, until James Carpenter takes over this responsibility on January first.

   (c) Members of the Meeting will want to know that Jeanne Clepper's mother died August 30, 1966. A Memorial Service will be held some time in October at the Universalist Church in West Hartford

   (d) There are two new families in the area. John and Grace Fogg are members of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting in McNabb, Illinois. Dale and Ann Watson are here with their three children. Dale is a Presbyterian minister studying at the Hartford Seminary and Anne is a Friend from North Carolina.

   (e) Helen Ridgway has requested transfer of her membership to San Francisco, where she has been asked to serve as Recording Clerk. The Meeting approved of this transfer.

   (f) An invitation has been received from P. C. Walker, minister of the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church for our Meeting to attend an exchange fellowship meeting on Sunday evening, September 18 at eight o'clock. The Meeting agreed to accept this invitation as an opportunity for fellowship, and in return to invite them to a meeting here at a later date. Friends are strongly urged to arrange to attend.

   (g) Ministry and Counsel has talked about ways of strengthening the spiritual life of our Meeting, and after discussing many possibilities, suggests a series of dialogue gatherings in Friends' homes. Two Friends, not of the same family, would hold a dialogue for not more than 20 minutes around a series of queries which Ministry and Counsel might be asked to formulate. Gatherings would be based on such intimate and spiritual topics as making religion real to children, grandparents living in the home, the practice of prayer, and others, but not focused on public social issues. After the dialogue, there would be open discussion. Gatherings should never cause hospitality problems for the host family.

The Meeting approved the idea and encouraged Ministry and Counsel to work out details to implement it. The Clerk of Ministry and Counsel requests that Friends express to him their ideas and suggestions concerning subjects to be discussed.

Arthur Wolf presented the report from the Committee on Oversight of the marriage of Karen Paullin and Philip Will, which took place on September 4, 1966, a joyous occasion despite the downpour which necessitated a thorough change of plans.

First Day School will start on Sunday, September 18, at 11 A.M. If children are unable to sit through the entire Meeting for Worship, they may leave at 10:15. Supervision will be provided each Sunday for children who do not attend Meeting for Worship.

Ellen Paullin reported for Adult Education. A coffee hour is planned for Sunday, September 18 from eleven to twelve o'clock. The following Sunday, Marcia Paullin will be asked to report on her work camps in Europe this summer. The first Sunday in October will be Quarterly Meeting, and subsequent meetings may include talks by Emily McDonell, and David Truskoff. It was suggested that Leonard Kenworthy be invited to come for an evening or longer conference on education.

Ruth Lilienthal presented the report of Quarterly Meeting at Rindge, New Hampshire, on August 6 and 7. Edwin Hinshaw is now full-time Young Friends Secretary. As China Family Camp was so successful, it may be expanded next summer. Storrs Meeting is about to acquire a new Meeting House and intends to start meeting in it in September. The British scientist Kathleen Lonsdale spoke in the afternoon about her trip to Russia.

Representatives were appointed to the next Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, October 2 at Mount Toby. They are: Ruth Lilienthal, Theodore Paullin, Francis and Sylvia Helfrick.

The Canadian Friends Service Committee has sent us an urgent appeal for financial support for sending antibiotics and antimalarial drugs to South Vietnam, North Vietnam (Hanoi) and National Liberation Front areas of that country. Friends approved of contributing the thus far unused twenty-five dollars appropriated in the budget under Contingency Contributions, toward this program of the Canadian Friends Service Committee, and members of the Meeting are encouraged to make personal contributions.

The Hospitality Committee needs four or five people to attend two sessions of the Honor Court (for alcoholics) this year, to provide and serve refreshments. The dates are September 26 and March 8.

11. Theodore Paullin and Thomas Bodine reported briefly on Yearly Meeting in June. Copies of the printed report are already available for distribution; each Meeting family is entitled to receive one. The next Yearly Meeting is planned for August 22-27 at Nasson College in Springvale, Maine.

12. James Carpenter reported that Mrs. Irvin Paul, who frequently tutor in one of our rooms downstairs in the evening, requests our permission to install in that room a telephone with an extension in her home. It will be listed as Remington Experimental School, at this address. The Meeting will not be responsible for payment for it, or for answering it, and it is expected to be turned off when no one from the Experimental School is here to answer it.

13. Several members of our Meeting expect to attend the wedding of Liesa Stamm and Stephen Auerbach at Westbury Meeting on Long Island, on Saturday, September tenth.

14. Twenty persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

October 13, 1966

1. Friends gathered at quarter of eight for the regular Meeting for Business. After the Clerk read the Eleventh Query, the Meeting settled into a brief silence.

2. James Carpenter read the report of Ministry and Counsel. A letter was read from Don Helm requesting transfer of membership to Salem Meeting in Oregon Yearly Meeting. Upon recommendation of Ministry and Counsel, the Meeting approved of this transfer.

3. Several members of our Meeting attended a Sunday evening service at the Allen Methodist Church in September. The Clerk suggested that we return their invitation in some manner. The Meeting requested the Clerk to work out with Reverend Walker a plan for a joint meeting here at a suitable time.

4. William Barton, Executive Secretary of the British Friends Service Council, will be in this vicinity on November 10, the regular date of our next Meeting for Business. At the suggestion of the Clerk, the Meeting approved of holding a meeting with William Barton on November 10, and postponing our Business Meeting until November 17.

5. Paul Cullen suggested that the names of members of Ministry and Counsel be printed regularly in the Bulletin, to make it easier for those who wish to get in touch with them. The Meeting approved

Concern was expressed over the large number of late arrivals at Meeting for Worship. Friends are encouraged to come more punctually and to keep more back seats free for latecomers by sitting in the front benches.

The Treasurers' report was read by Henry B aechler. Contributions to the General Fund thus far in 1966 have totalled $7,023.47. A letter was read from Habil Wejuli, requesting us to send him the same amount as last year, which was approximately $165. a month. Habil worked during the summer, his Master's thesis was accepted, rent in his present apartment is higher than before. We do not know whether he saved money this summer, nor how his tuition is being paid. The Meeting asked that Ralph Williams take the responsibility to visit with Habil and find out details of his situation and his needs, and to report to us. If Ralph is unable to do so, Thomas Bodine has agreed to. Meanwhile, the Meeting authorized the Treasurer to pay the coming month's expenses, expected to be in the neighborhood of $165., and also approved of the Clerk's recent authorizations to the Treasurer to send Habil additional money.

Patricia Ritter reported on the activities of the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese children, which was organized by members of the Religious Society of Friends at Pendle Hill on July 10, 1966, to minister to the needs of children injured, orphaned, or abandoned. The situation is very confusing, the need is tremendous, and Monthly Meetings are being asked for a minute of support. The Meeting approved of the following minute:

> Let our ministry be pursued in a spirit of love and faith, beyond the controversial issues of the Vietnamese war, so that we may remain ever mindful of the children who urgently await our help. Friends of Hartford Monthly Meeting join with other Friends Meetings across the country in support of this concern.

Forms were distributed requesting various types of assistance, and the Meeting approved of including such a questionnaire in each October Bulletin.

A letter was read from Alfred F. Cadman, who is Clerk and Treasurer of the Letchworth Meeting of Friends, expressing their pleasure in welcoming Deborah Reik to their Meeting.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee of New England Yearly Meeting wants to know whether Hartford Meeting wishes to support the annual Peace Vigil near the Boston State House on Good Friday again in 1967. The Meeting expressed support of the Peace Vigil. Two suggestions were made, that placards carried be carefully screened to avoid political or controversial sentiments, and that somehow leaflets be more widely distributed.

Peace and Social Concerns is exploring the possibility of noontime Peace Vigils near City Hall, and wonders whether our Meeting could support such vigils weekly or less often, and whether there is someone who cares enough to get such a program started. Friends who feel a deep concern in this project are encouraged to proceed.

12. Twenty-two scientists have published a statement opposing the use of chemical and biological weapons in Vietnam. The Meeting approved the sending of letters from our Meeting to these scientist commending them for their public stand on this issue. It was suggested that a copy also be sent to Dr. Jean Mayer of Harvard University, who has expressed particular disapproval of destructio of food crops.

13. It was suggested and approved that Fellowship Luncheon be changed to the second Sunday of the month to avoid conflict with Quarterly Meeting.

14. Twenty-five people were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

November 10, 1966

1. The Meeting was begun with a few minutes of worship during which the Clerk read the Third Query from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline. This Query is as follows:

> "Are your Meetings for Business times of spiritual concern and prayerful search for the way of truth? Do you individually assume your rightful share of responsibility for the work and support of the Monthly Meeting? Are all members encouraged to use their talents so that the burden of the Meeting's work does not rest upon a few?"

   It was suggested that this Query be included in the forthcoming Bulletin.

2. The suggestion was made that a copy of the minutes of Business Meeting be included with the Bulletin each month. This question was referred to the Bulletin Committee for consideration.

3. The report of the Treasurers was presented by Marjorie Baechler. We have received to date in contributions to the General Fund, $8,563.47, which is about $400 less than what we had received at this time last year.

4. Thomas Bodine, who visited with Habil Wejuli in Cambridge, gave a report of his financial situation and a proposed minimum budget. The Meeting approved of this budget and decided to follow the proposed plan for the present. Meanwhile, Ralph Williams will

correspond with Habil's advisor to help us decide whether this budget should be modified in respect to Habil's earnings.

Friends expressed the deepest appreciation to Thomas Bodine and Marjorie Baechler for their great service to our Meeting in making this investigation and preparing figures to help us determine our responsibility to Habil.

James and Mary Jane Carpenter invite Friends to a picnic and greening party at their country property after Meeting for Worship and Christmas program on December 18. There will be no First Day School or Adult Discussion Group on December 25 or January 1.

We have received replies from three of the scientists to whom we wrote last month. Dr. Jean Mayer from Harvard University included with his response a copy of the Christian Century which contains an article by him on Crop Destruction in South Vietnam.

Plans for Quarterly Meeting in February in our Meeting House were discussed. Ministry and Counsel will meet on Saturday night. Suggestions were brought forth concerning the management of Sunday luncheon for the expected large group of attenders. It was decided to ask the Junior Discussion Group to be in charge of child care for the afternoon.

Scott Nielsen, who has been working for the American Friends Service Committee with migrant workers, will speak at Adult Discussion Group On December 4. The December Fellowship Luncheon will be held on that day. On November 20 and 27, Adult Discussion Group will be concerned with the booklet, "Quakerism, a View from the Back Benches." On December 11 we will have a singing program.

Hartford Mayor Kinsella has been attacked for his stand on open housing. Peace and Social Concerns has prepared a letter to be sent for our Meeting to the Mayor expressing shock at the violent attack and commending him for his public stand. The Meeting approved the sending of this letter and also a copy to the publisher of the Hartford Times, the editor of which has been supporting the Mayor.

Slides on Vietnam by Felix Greene will be shown at our Meeting House on November 30. The speaker will be Andrew Rudin from Cambridge.

Silent Vigils for Peace in Vietnam will be held behind the Old State House in Hartford every Wednesday from twelve noon to one o'clock, beginning on November 30.

A coupon requesting signatures for support of open housing has been published in the Hartford Times for the past three weeks. The Meeting approved of including a similar coupon with our next Bulletin, and Friends are encouraged to sign and return coupons to the Hartford Human Relations Commission.

13. Sylvia Gardner reported on an interfaith commission to set up housing for the elderly, which has been established in West Hartford. The Meeting appointed George Halford to find out more facts, enabling us to decide whether our Meeting should affiliate with it.

14. Margaret Morrison explained some of the problems facing the Library Committee. They have now moved a display of pamphlets for sale out of the library to the rear of the Meeting Room where they are more readily available. The Meeting agreed to subscribe this coming year to The London Friend and to discontinue Christianity and Crisi

15. After a few moments of worship the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on December 8.

16. Twenty-six persons attended.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

December 8, 1966

1. The Meeting was begun with a period of silent worship and the reading of the Second Query from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline.

2. Concerning the question of whether copies of the Minutes should be mailed out with the Bulletin each month, Ruth Lilienthal reported that she feels it would not be very practical and would be unnecessarily repetitious. The Meeting agreed to continue under the presen system of having minutes of Business Meetings available on the tabl in the library.

3. Ralph Williams sends us word that he has had no reply as yet to his letter to Habil Wejuli's advisor.

4. George Halford reported about the West Hartford Fellowship Housing, Inc. Churches and synagogues that have joined have each appointed two directors. The West Hartford clergy have the right to elect two directors. The Town of West Hartford has the right to elect three directors. A site has been proposed and a definite plan has been drawn up for 80 to 100 apartments. George Halford recommends our joining the corporation and electing two directors, one for a three year term and one for a one year term. There was general approval of the project in the Meeting, but it was decided to give further consideration to it next month, and meanwhile to ask legal advice of one or two of our members.

5. The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Robert Brill.

   (a) Upon the request of Adrian and Toos Knuttel, Don Scott and Carol Lee have been recorded as associate members.

   (b) Ministry and Counsel has discussed the quality of vocal ministry in our Meetings for Worship. They feel that on the whole the level of worship in our Meeting is fairly high.

   (c) The Yearly Meeting committee on Meetings and Extension will visit on Sunday, January 8 for Meeting for Worship, remaining for lunch and a meeting with Ministry and Counsel afterward, "for mutual aid and exchange of ideas."

   (d) Ministry and Counsel would welcome expression of opinion about further Quaker Dialogues.

   (e) Cornelius Kruse of Middletown Meeting will come to talk with us on the responsibilities of Ministry and Counsel on Saturday, February 4 at the commencement of Quarterly Meeting.

   (f) Ministry and Counsel is concerned about communicating with our distant members, our adult members who rarely or never attend, and also about approaching our 38 associate members over 18 years of age about bringing their memberships to adult status.

6. Emily McDonell reported for Peace and Social Concerns.

   (a) John Weisblatt of Greenwich is trying to reactivate the Connecticut Committee to Abolish Capital Punishment. This was the old Friends Committee for Social Action, which has been inactive for several years. The question of Capital Punishment will again be brought up this year in the legislature. An execution is slated in Connecticut for January 17.

   (b) The Honor Court has invited two members to a Christmas Party on December 19. Anyone interested in going may contact Gerda Conant.

   (c) Dorothy Meshenuk has joined the Interfaith Council in Windsor, which works for fair housing. The Meeting appointed her our official representative to this Council.

   (d) The Meeting expressed interest in Emily McDonell's suggestion for a speaker on chemical and biological warfare in Vietnam, or what is going on in Thailand, for a meeting in February.

7. Sixteen people attended the Peace Vigil on November 30, and sixteen again on December 7. A reporter appeared for WDRC Radio, and one for the Hartford Times. There are now 64 similar vigils across the country.

8. After a period of worship the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on January 12; sixteen persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA M. HELFRICK, Recording Cler

January 12, 1967

1. The Meeting began with a period of worship and the reading of the Fifth Query from the New England Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice*.

2. Elizabeth Butterworth told of the death of Cassandra White on January 2, 1967, in California, at the age of 87. Herbert White wrote that a memorial service was held at Carmel Meeting Cassandra White was a birthright Friend and, with her husband, Herbert White, was a former member of Hartford Meeting. Her ministry and outreach to all who attended Meeting in the days when it met at Hartford Seminary Foundation was lovingly recalled by several Friends in the short memorial service which followed.

3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Robert Bri

   (a) Friends approved having a fourth Quaker Dialogue on "How we handle passiveness and aggressiveness in our personal lives." It will be held February 26 at the Brill's home. It was suggested that a dialogue also be held at Easter time with William Halford taking part.

   (b) Letters are being written to 33 of the 40 Associate Members over the age of 18, offering them the opportunity to become adult members.

   (c) Friends approved that the names of Paulanne Gademan and Bancroft Greene be dropped from the Meeting's membership because they have become active in other churches.

4. The report of the Finance Committee was given by Thomas Bodine Final figures are not yet available but there will be a modest balance of income over expenses for the year 1966. 99 contributors gave $12,242. -- $108 short of the goal of $12,350.

   The Finance Committee will meet January 29. A salary increase for Robert Kearney, our custodian, will be considered at that time. The budget for 1967 will be presented at February Monthly Meeting.

The Clerk read a letter from Margaret Clepper asking that her marriage to Walton Hathaway on June 17, 1967, be under the care of the Meeting. A Committee on Clearness was appointed, consisting of John Brainerd, Patricia Ritter, Ruth Wojan, and Francis Helfrick.

George Halford reported on the West Hartford Fellowship Housing, Inc. James Reik has reviewed the Articles of the Corporation, and it is now recommended that our Meeting become a corporate member. Friends approved, and Ethel Halford and James Reik were appointed as our two members on the Board of Directors.

Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hartford February 4 and 5. The following Friends were appointed as our representatives: Emily McDonell, Florence Carpenter, Darianne Meshenuk, and Scott Ritter.

Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, February 4, will have Cornelius Kruse as its speaker. This will be at 4:15 P.M., followed by a potluck supper. After supper there will be a discussion of Cornelius Kruse's subject: "The job of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and some ways of getting it done." Everyone is urged to attend.

Joseph Elder will be the afternoon speaker February 5. Professor Elder is Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin and heads the India Studies Division. He was a member of the Friends Mission to India and Pakistan to explore the dispute over Kashmir.

Ten Friends volunteered to provide meatloaf for February 5 dinner.

Ruth Wojan reported that the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School Board feels that communication between the Meeting and the Board needs to be strengthened. The Board's suggestions were welcomed, and Ruth Wojan was asked to invite a member of their Board to attend our business meeting, bringing us up to date on the Nursery School. Friends are encoraged to enroll their children in the School. Scholarship help is available.

Patricia Ritter reported about the plans for Vietnamese children. Sixty children are now available for adoption by Friends' families, and there is need for money for medical, dental and other expenses that the adoptive families will have. She proposed that the Meeting set up a fund in its budget starting at $200., with a future goal of $1,000 per child. Such a fund would facilitate agency endorsement of adopting parents. Friends approved establishing the fund and commended this to the Finance Committee's attention.

Reports were given by Friends on the following:

(a) The Sewing Committee met January 10. The next meeting is January 24. There is need for clothing as all has now been shipped.

(b) A letter from Mayor Kinsella of Hartford thanked the Meeti for its recent communication.

(c) The new Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting is now available. The paper covered edition is $1.50 and the hard cover $3.00.

(d) Woolman Hill is currently selling Certificates of Indebtedness at 4½% interest, to run for 15 years. This was reco mended as a much needed investment opportunity.

(e) Nikolai Georgieff, having passed the first part of his medical examination for the state of Michigan, is now working on the second part.

(f) Three typewriters were given for the Freedom Schools of Tennessee, as the result of the appeal in a recent Bulleti

(g) Gary Leach, a student from Goddard College, is working in the AFSC office during January and February.

(h) Fifty high school young people held a conference at the Meeting House January 7 at which Len Chandler, a civil rights folk singer, spoke and entertained.

(i) Copies of the new Directory of the Meeting are available, and Friends voiced appreciation to Robert Brill for prepar

(j) About 20 persons have formed a Meeting for Worship in New London, and some from this group will attend February Quarterly Meeting. It is anticipated that this New London Meeting will request soon to be a member of this Quarter.

(k) Volunteers are needed by Gerda Conant to do telephoning so accurate mailing list may be compiled for AFSC mailings.

11. After a period of worship the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on February 9. About 25 persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Helen Brill
HELEN BRILL, Acting Recording Cle

February 9, 1967

1. The Meeting was begun with worship which included the reading Query Eight from the new New England Yearly Meeting Book of Faith and Practice.

2. The report of Ministry and Counsel was read.

   (a) Transfer of membership has been requested for

Dorothy Edgerton Parsons from the West Richmond Meeting in Indiana, and Robert T. Parsons has requested affiliate membership in our Meeting in order to be able to maintain his standing as a clergyman in the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Moses and Mabel Bailey have called on the Parsons, and Ministry and Counsel has approved.

(b) The next Quaker Dialogue will be at the home of Margaret Morrison on Sunday, February 26. The subsequent Dialogue is planned for Sunday, March 19. William Halford has suggested the subject, "Is Violence Ever Necessary?" Time, place, and participants will be announced.

(c) A letter was read from Russell G. Blinn of South Windsor, an attender, asking that his forthcoming marriage on May 6 to Anne Dashiell of Baltimore be held under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting expressed pleasure at the membership of Robert and Dorothy Parsons, and appointed Wendell and Jeanne Clepper as visitors to welcome them officially.

A Committee on Clearness was appointed for the marriage of Russell Blinn and Anne Dashiell; Karen Paullin Will of Washington, and Sylvia Helfrick to call on Anne, and James Carpenter and Archie Meshenuk to call on Russell.

3. The Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Walton Hathaway and Peggy Clepper reported favorably, Francis Helfrick and John Brainerd having visited with Walton, and Patricia Ritter and Ruth Wojan with Peggy. At the request of the bride-to-be, the Meeting appointed Gerda and Richard Conant and Morris and Constance Way as overseers for the wedding.

4. Thomas Bodine distributed copies of a proposed budget for 1967 and discussed most informatively the various items. The proposed budget was accepted with two corrections, and the Finance Committee was applauded for its excellent presentation. The changes made were elimination of $25. for Quarterly Meeting, and addition of $300. for a movie projector.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Meeting appointed Mabel Bailey to serve on Ministry and Counsel in place of Brad Noel until Brad returns.

6. Several Friends have planned a benefit dinner for Vietnamese orphans on March 31 in our Meeting House. Southeast Asian food will be prepared by Meeting members and served at a charge of $3. per person minimum. After dinner a short movie called, "The Parable" will be shown.

7. Florence Carpenter and Emily McDonell reported on Quarterly Meeting. After a Saturday evening supper, Cornelius Kruse spoke to the group of 28 persons, members of Ministry and Counsel and others, on how to do the work of Ministry and Counsel. During

the Sunday business meeting, it was announced that Friends in New London wish to become a Monthly Meeting and to be a part of Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting. The afternoon speaker was Joseph Elder, Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin, and a member of the Friends Mission to India and Pakistan

8. The report of Peace and Social Concerns was presented by Emily McDonell.

   (a) A letter-writing bee will be held in the Meeting House on Thursday, February 23.

   (b) David Hart~~zell~~sough of the Friends Committee on National Legislation is expected to come to Adult Discussion Group March 1

   (c) Russell Johnson intends to be in Hartford March 23. He has just returned from two weeks in North Vietnam.

   (d) Gerda Conant will be our representative to "Wednesdays in Washington"on March 1.

   (e) The Meeting appointed Cynthia Reik and Sylvia Helfrick as overseers to the annual Peace Vigil at the Boston State House on Good Friday.

9. The Meeting wishes to minute an expression of appreciation to Carolyn deCou Howard for the many hours of work she contributes month after month to prepare the Bulletin and Directory.

10. The Meeting approved of renewing subscriptions to FRIENDS JOURNA for the West Hartford Library and the University of Hartford, and encouraged the Library Committee to seek other suitable plac

11. Adult Education Committee announced subjects for discussion in the near future. We are finishing, "Quakerism - a View from the Back Benches." On Sunday, February 26 and also March 5, we will begin discussing, "No Time but This Present."

    24 persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

March 9, 1967

1. The Clerk read Query Nine from the New England Yearly Meeting Bo of Discipline, and the Meeting was gathered in a few minutes of quiet worship.

2. Robert Brill presented the report of Ministry and Counsel.

   (a) The State of the Society report has been drafted and approved for publication in the next issue of the Bulletin.

(b) Elizabeth Helfrick has requested to be recorded as an adult member of the Meeting. Bobbe Yager, a long time attender, has also requested membership. The Meeting expressed its pleasure at learning of these requests. Since Elizabeth is in California, Friends will write letters to her in lieu of a visit. Ellen Paullin and Alice Cheney were appointed to make a welcoming visit to Bobbe Yager.

(c) The next Quaker Dialogue will take place Sunday evening, March 19, at the Helfricks' home, on the topic, "Is Violence Ever Necessary?" Moses Bailey will be moderator and dialoguers will be William Halford and Richard Conant. One additional dialogue may be held later this spring.

(d) A memorial service for Moses Bailey's father, Melvin Bailey, will be held on March 12 at the New England Friends Home in Hingham, Massachusetts.

3. A report from the Treasurers was read. Contributions to the General Fund to date total $2,132.67. Habil Wejuli needs to meet an extra tuition charge of $125. for an extra course at Boston University. The Treasurers asked authorization to advance this payment. The Meeting approved with the understanding that the amount will be raised by individual contributions.

4. The Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Ann Dashiell and Russell Blinn reported that plans for the wedding have been cancelled.

5. Several announcements of forthcoming activities were made.

(a) Rice and tea will be served at an austerity Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, March 12.

(b) David Hartsough will speak at Adult Discussion Group on March 19, and expects to stay for Fellowship Luncheon.

(c) Russell Johnson will speak on Thrsday evening, March 23, in our Meeting House. If his schedule can include a supper, potluck will be arranged.

(d) Bronson Clark, who is now working in Vietnam for the AFSC, will be in Hartford for lunch on April 12. Contact Paul Butterworth if you wish to attend and hear his report.

6. At the request of Patricia Ritter and Ralph Williams, the Meeting asked Peace and Social Concerns to contribute $25. for Project Equality, the interfaith program for encouraging fair employment practices.

7. Leon Yager brought forth a concern for the benefit of persons who might conceivably at some years hence wish to learn something of the flavor, ideas, and feeling of our present-day Meetings for Worship. He suggested that possibly we might a ppoint someone to record unobtrusively his observations on what was said and felt at some of our meetings. The matter was referred to Ministry and Counsel.

8. An invitation was read from Storrs Monthly Meeting for our Meeting to visit at their new meeting house on April 9 and stay for Fellowship Luncheon. The Meeting Approved of encouraging Friends both to go and to notify the Clerk of their intentions to do so.

9. The Clerk has received several letters from various Friends Meetings who are attempting to transmit money to Canadian Friends to be sent to Vietnam.

10. Proceeds from the Benefit Dinner for Vietnamese Orphans on March 31 will be contributed for the following projects:

    (a) General fund for Vietnamese Children brought to United St
    (b) Hospital and rehabilitation center in Vietnam.
    (c) Floating Children's Hospital in Mekong Delta.

11. Dorothy Meshenuk and Margaret Morrison served refreshments at Honor Court on March 6. The Meeting approved of continuing to do this on two occasions next year.

12. Theodore Paullin appeared with two other Friends at a recent hearing on capital punishment, and presented there a minute adopted three or four years ago by Quarterly Meeting.

Twenty-three persons were in attendance.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Cler

April 13, 1967

1. The Meeting opened with a few minutes of prayer for George Halford and his family. George is seriously ill in Hartford Hospital.

2. The report of the treasurers was read, showing receipts of $3,691.92 through April 10.

Several moneys have been collected for Vietnamese children:

1967 Budget	$200.
Individual gifts	135.
Storrs Meeting	50.
Other contributions	28.80

The sponsors of the benefit dinner last month had intended t send proceeds, which will amount to nearly $450., to the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children.

After Storrs Meeting had sent their contribution, earmarked for the benefit dinner, they learned that three families in their own Meeting are intending to take Vietnamese orphans, a feeling was expressed that perhaps we should return the $50. contribution from Storrs Meeting.

Approximately $60. was collected for Vietnamese children at the austerity luncheon in March. One half was to be sent to Canadian Friends and one half to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Finance Committee will carry these comments to the Treasurers, and after consultation, proper disposition of these funds will be made.

The Report of Ministry and Counsel was read by Helen Brill. The Meeting has received a letter from Jon Yager, asking that his associate membership be transferred to adult status. Ministry and Counsel is in process of preparing folders for prospective new members and for those who wish to know more about Quakerism. It is suggested that new members being welcomed into the Meeting by a visiting committee should be given a hard cover copy of the new Faith and Practice.

Further planning of Quaker Dialogues is being deferred until fall, for attendance is likely to be scanty on a Sunday evening at this season of the year.

Friends expressed wholehearted approval of the acceptance of Jon Yager as an adult member. Jon will return here following his graduation from Earlham College in June. Margaret Morrison and the Clerk will write letters of welcome on behalf of the Meeting, and others are urged to write.

Friends approved giving a copy of Faith and Practice to each new member.

The Clerk read the Report of the State of the Society. With two changes Friends felt it gave a reasonably accurate picture of our Meetings for Worship and other activities.

Jeanne Clepper presented the Report of the Recorder for the year 1966. We now have 252 members (a net gain of 2),111 of whom are Junior members. The report was approved for sending to Quarterly Meeting.

Jeanne Clepper and Ruth Lilienthal were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven on May 7. Ministry and Counsel will also meet on Saturday, May 6.

Thomas Bodine reported on the present situation for the Hartford AFSC office.

Last year's deficit	$2,800.00
This year's expenses	7,800.00
Current deficit	4,800.00

The deficit keeps going up at about $1,000 per month. We really cannot support a budget of $16,000, and thus must cut back. In the interests of economy, in place of a full time secretary, the

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Hartford area office of the AFSC is considering a part time "moonlighter" such as a teacher or social worker to run the youth services program and a regular weekly visitor from the Cambridge office who would direct the peace education efforts of volunteers in the field of CO counseling, literature services, speakers bure newsletter, etc. This plan would, however, require the services of a full time office secretary, who could also be used to great advantage by our Meeting committees. The Meeting took no action but will discuss this situation if necessary at a subsequent Monthly Meeting.

8. Thomas Bodine read a minute by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, in which it declared its resolve to send medical aid to Vietnamese people no matter what difficulties and obstacles may present themselves. A special meeting of the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting will be held on May 13, to decide whether our Yearl Meeting funds can be used for this purpose. There is fear that off of Yearly Meeting might be arrested or the funds might be impounde The Meeting adopted a minute to encourage the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting to feel free to use Yearly Meeting fund to express the concerns of Yearly Meeting, specifically at this ti to allow the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to send $150. of Yearly Meeting money to relieve sufferings in both North and South Vietnam.

9. Ralph Williams brought us up to date on Habil's situation.

10. The Service Committee has endorsed the Spring Mobilization in New York City on April 15 and our Meeting is asked to endorse this rally.

    The Meeting approved the following minute:

    > The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends endorses the Spring Mobilization for Peace in Vietnam.

11. After a few minutes of silence, the meeting closed, purposing to meet again on May 11.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Cler

1, 1967

1. The Meeting was begun with the reading of the first Query from the new Faith and Practice.

2. A note was read from George Halford thanking the Meeting for expressions of concern during his recent illness.

3. The Report of Ministry and Counsel was read by Robert Brill.

   A letter has been received from Barbara Mooney requesting withdrawal of membership. Ministry and Counsel recommends that her request be approved, with love and regret.

   The Chaplain of Hartford Hospital has offered to notify the Meeting whenever a Friend is listed as a patient. Ministry and Counsel has accepted this offer.

   There are 62 non-active members of the Meeting, including Juniors, both resident and non-resident. In future we should be more prompt about notifying meetings in the area to which our members move.

   The Meeting accepted the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel regarding Barbara Mooney's membership.

4. The report of the Treasurer was read by Henry Baechler.

Contributions through May 10	$4,885.17
Gift of stock	1,900.00
Present deficit in Northeastern Student Aid account, including a pledge of $50.	799.36

   The Meeting authorized the Treasurer to sell and assign thirty (30) shares of Standard Oil Co. of New York common stock.

5. The Meeting authorized the Treasurer to transfer Meeting funds from the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company to a bank in Glastonbury (Citizens Bank and Trust) for convenience.

6. Copies of the annual report of the Nominating Committee were distributed by the chairman, Ethel Halford. The report was accepted with such additions as the Nominating Committee may make before the report is published.

7. Cynthia Reik was nominated and appointed to be the third member of the Nominating Committee for the coming year.

8. Raymond Glover, co-chairman of the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School Committee, spoke to us about the School. It is operating this year with maximal attendance, 30 children per session. In the past there has been a staff of four, consisting

of a head teacher, an assistant teacher, an associate teacher who was a trainee newly out of school, and a parent. These terms will now be eliminated. There will be three teachers in line only with respect to tenure, and a parent. This probably means no trainee for the present.

No child from a Meeting family is registered for next year.

The School deeply appreciates the excellent cooperation of our custodian, Robert Kearney.

At the request of the School, the Meeting approved of holding a one-month session this summer instead of the usual two-month.

9. Emily McDonell, Chairman of Finance Committee for the Hartford AFSC office, reported on their fund-raising campaign. At the kick-off meeting on May 18, the speaker will be Thelma Babbitt, Chairman of Interpretation and Finance of the AFSC office in Cambridge. Gerda Conant is now Supervisor of Volunteers for the Hartford office. In one more month we should know whether the AFSC can afford to pay for the full time services of the Office Secretary.

10. President Johnson will arrive at Bradley Field on May 15. A vigil will be held displaying an American flag and a banner whi reads, "Let Old Glory Stand for Brotherhood, Not War."

11. A special closing program for the First-Day School will be presented at 11 o'clock on Sunday, May 21. Included will be a play, a film, and a white elephant sale. Proceeds of the sale will be used to help send Daria Meshenuk to England this summer for the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage. Fellowship Luncheon will also be held on the twenty-first, and may be followed by a talk by a British Friend, Mauricel Hussey, on her recent trip to Cuba.

12. The Annual Report of the Ushering Committee was presented by Fritz Semmler.

13. Theodore Paullin reported that Quarterly Meeting decided to take in the group at New London, Connecticut as a new Monthly Meeting in our Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Cle

June 8, 1967

1. In the absence of the Clerk, Assistant Clerk Francis Helfrick read Query Four from the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Faith and Practice.

2. Mauricel Hussey, a British Friend travelling inthe United States, was unexpectedly hospitalized in Hartford Hospital in May for an eye ailment. South Congregational Church in Hartford has kindly paid her hospital bill. The Meeting approved of sending to South Church a letter of appreciation for this generosity.

3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was read by Robert Brill.

   (a) Robert Brill was appointed Clerk of Ministry and Counsel for another year.

   (b) A letter has been received fromLynn Scott requesting transfer of membership to Green Street Meeting in Philadelphia. With mixed feelings Friends approved of this transfer. Lynn means a lot to many members here, and we commend her to the loving care of her new Meeting.

   (c) Letters of appreciation have been received from Libby and Paul Butterworth for the Meeting's thought of Paul and her during and after Paul's recent surgery, and from Tom and Faith Brown for the Meeting's attention to them. The Meeting gave Theodore Paullin a book yesterday at the hospital in anticipation of today's surgery.

   (d) The proposal made at March Meeting for Business that someone be appointed to take notes during Meetings for Worship in order to preserve for posterity the character and flavor of our meetings was taken up twice at Ministry and Counsel. To determine if there has been any experience with this proposal, and what has been done, letters were written to Friends General Conference and London Yearly Meeting. Both replies expressed considerable doubt about the idea, neither correspondent knowing of any experience with such a practice. It was the feeling of Ministry and Counsel that notes should definitely not be taken during Meetings for Worship, and that we do not feel right about going ahead with this proposal.

4. Emily McDonell reported on the campaign for funds for the Hartford Office of the AFSC. Thus far $2,909.32 has been received from 128 contributors.

   It is the feeling of those who have been working inthe Hartford Office that it would be very difficult to share the services of the secretary with the Meeting. The Meeting approved of not pressing for a secretary shared with the AFSC office. Part time secretarial services for the Meeting may be necessary, but should be based on definite studies of needs of the various Meeting committees.

5. The Annual Report of Peace and Social Concerns Committee was read by Emily McDonell. The Committee recommends that Peace and Social Concerns be separate parts of the committee, so tha activities can be more concentrated along local lines, unhampered by a committee so varied and so geographically separated. We are all asked to consider this proposal, and it will also be discussed by the new Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

6. Margaret Morrison has volunteered to be the person in charge of Use of the Meeting House for the summer, until Dorothy Parsons returns.

7. Patricia Ritter reported on the Committee for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children. Papers for 60 expected children have finally arrived and been approved. Jan de Hartog and Morgan Sibbett are leaving for Saigon to expedite the sending of the children. Friends are being asked to support the children by giving $20. per month to the reception center in Saigon while the children are there.

8. The Connecticut Savings and Loan Association, a new savings ban has been started by Negro leadership inthe north end of Hartfor A State Charter has been obtained and there is interested suppo and advice from the major banks in the community. Pledges to open savings accounts are needed.

9. The Meeting was closed with a period of silence, purposing to meet again on September 14, 1967.

Francis W. Helfrick

FRANCIS W. HELFRICK, Assistant Cl

Sylvia M. Helfrick

SYLVIA M. HELFRICK, Recording Cle

September 14, 1967

1. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading Query Twelve on the Friends Peace Testimony.

2. The Treasurer's report was read by Kiki Wolf. Thus far for this year $8,312.40 has been received to the General Fund.

3. Robert Brill presented the report of Ministry and Counsel.

During the summer a request was received from Lucie Barber in Somalia asking the Meeting's action with respect to her proposed marriage. Because the time was short for a reply cable, a special meeting of Ministry and Counsel was called. The following minute is presented to Monthly Meeting for consideration:

> "Having received notification of the intent of a member of this Meeting, Lucie Clare Barber, to marry Jerry Lewis Germer in a civil ceremony in Mogadiscio, Somalia;
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> Noting the difficulties these two worthy young people have met in trying to arrange a religious ceremony of marriage;
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> And expressing our appreciation of their intention to follow their civil (and legalizing) marriage ceremony with a Meeting for Worship in which they intend to exchange their vows in accordance with the traditions and practices of the Religious Society of Friends;
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> We therefore acknowledge through this minute that the Hartford Monthly Meeting has taken note of their intention and, upon notification of its completion, will suitably enter their marriage in the records of this Meeting."

The Meeting approved of entering this minute.

Because so many newcomers are at meetings for worship during September and October each year, many of them asking questions about the Meeting and about Quakerism, a special gathering for new seekers was held last Sunday after Meeting for Worship. It seemed to be the feeling of the Meeting for Business that the "Meetings for Seekers" continue until Adult Discussion Group is resumed, with hospitality committee arranging for refreshments at that hour on Sunday, September 24.

. The Clerk has received a letter from Elizabeth Helfrick and Geoffrey Barnard stating their intention of marriage and requesting that their marriage be under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting. The proposed date is December 17, 1967. Since they were visiting in this area the first week in September, four Meeting members, Robert and Helen Brill and Wendell and Jeanne Clepper, acting as Committees on Clearness, visited with them on September 2.

The Committees on Clearness reported enthusiastically that they feel this marriage should proceed with our support. The Meeting approved and appointed as a Committee on Oversight, James and Cynthia Reik, George and Patricia Ritter, and Arthur and Kiki Wolf.

5. Don and Brad Noel and their children, Emily and Kenneth, have returned from their year's trip around the world, bringing greetings which were read to us by the Clerk. On the back of their travelling minute from Hartford Meeting were written messages from Tokyo Monthly Meeting, Honolulu Monthly Meeting, Japan Yearly Meeting, Hongkong Monthly Meeting, Bangalore Friends Meeting, and Vienna Friends Meeting, and East Berlin Friends Meeting. A photocopy of these minutes of greeting will be made and kept by our Meeting.

6. Mary Jane Carpenter reported for the First Day School, which will resume on September 24. For several years there has been need for a mimeograph machine. Fred Wheeler volunteered to pro cure necessary information, including prices, and report to nex Meeting for Business. Only one or two persons should be in charge of the machine, to keep it in good condition.

7. Report of Adult Education Committee was given by Arthur Wolf. The first session will be on Sunday, October 1, two presentations by the Noels, at 11:00 and again at 2:00, with a special Fellowship Luncheon at 12:30.

   On October 8, Dorothy Meshenuk will report on the Friends World Conference at Guilford, North Carolina.

   On October 15, Quarterly Meeting at Mount Toby Meeting; there will be no Adult Education session here.

8. Arthur Wolf read a series of letters from Dr. Nikolai Georgieff who has completed his internship at Middletown Hospital and recently obtained a license to practice medicine in Michigan. He has settled in Breckenridge with a beginning private practic The Meeting expressed its deep gratitude to Arthur and Kiki Wol and to Richard and Agnes Boulton and Richard and Gerda Conant for their attentive care of Dr. Nick. The Meeting approved of sending a small gift for his office. On their recent trip the Noel family visited Dr. Nick's family in Bulgaria.

9. The Management Committee outlined a proposal for the dispositio of Masonic pillars on the front of our property among the grave stones. The main shafts of the pillars will be laid end-to-end to form a long bench or seat in front of the shrubbery at the "Bailey Corner." The tops and bases may be lodged behind shrub bery in the southeast corner of our property in an inconspicuou spot. The Meeting approved of these proposals with relief.

10. The Meeting expressed gratitude to Peter Tychsen for his continued interest in, and care of, our Meeting House, and asked the Clerk to write him a letter of appreciation.

11. Kiki Wolf reported for Peace and Social Concerns. The Committee has discussed possible separation into two distinct committees for peace and for social concerns and has decided to remain together for the present. Those who wish to work especially for peace may work chiefly with the AFSC office. As a primary concern at this time, a study will be made of what organizations exist in the Hartford area for Race Relations and what can Friends particularly contribute in this area.

12. The American Friends Service Committee office needs more volunteer help and also needs a part time secretary.

    The AFSC will sponsor a program called, "Social Revolution at Home and Abroad" on Saturday, November 4 at Hartford College. Speakers will include Don Noel, Russell Johnson, Dr. David Leonard, and Wilbur Smith of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

13. The Meeting appointed Ruth Lilienthal, Theodore Paullin, and Merritt Hallowell as representatives to Quarterly Meeting on October 15 at Mount Toby, and also such other persons as may be appointed by the Clerk.

14. Mention was made of the death of Alice Cheney's father, Dr. John Carter Rowley.

15. After a short period of worship the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on Thursday, October 12.

16. Twenty-eight persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

CLERK'S ADDENDUM

Although no report by the Committee on Oversight was presented at the Meeting for Business, the minutes should record that the marriage of Margaret A. Clepper and Walton Hathaway took place in the Meeting House on June 17, 1967.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

October 12, 1967

1. The Meeting was opened with a period of worship.

2. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Baechler. Receipts to date total $7,676.17 to the General Fund. At the special Fellowship Luncheon for the Noels, $53. was received. We seem to be within the budget at present.

3. The weekly Peace Vigil downtown continues regularly, with between 12 and 30 persons usually attending, four of whom are Friends. Several thousand pieces of literature have been handed out. November 30 will mark one year, and it is suggested that we try to have some publicity about the Vigil.

4. Announcement has been received of the wedding of Lucie Barber and Jerry Germer, which did take place as expected on Septembe 3, 1967 in Mogadiscio, Somalia. They will be living in Salt Lake City after the New Year. Laurence and Lucia will be living next in Ceylon.

5. Fred Wheeler presented information about duplicating machines. It would cost about $450 for an excellent mimeograph; an electric spirit duplicator can be bought for about $300. Ralp Williams offered us the use of his old mimeograph machine. Since funds for purchase are not in this year's budget, the Meeting accepted his offer with thanks. If this machine does not work out well, the Meeting may ask the Finance Committee to include money for a new machine in the budget for next year

6. The Clerk read a letter from a young man named Hilarion Braun, who requests a December marriage under the care of Hartford Meeting. This young man is known to Theodore Paullin, who consulted with him several times about draft problems during the past academic year. Hilarion is studying at the University of Vermont. His parents live in South America. The Clerk has spoken by phone with his fiancee, Pallas Geddes, who lives in Winsted with her parents. The young people are not members of the Society of Friends, but have attended Old Chatham Meeting in New York. It is not known whether they have made contact with Burlington Meeting. They expect to attend Meeting here the end of this month.

   The Meeting approved of proceeding according to the custom of Friends and appointed Committees on Clearness: Robert and Helen Brill and Theodore and Ellen Paullin.

7. Quarterly Meeting being the weekend of the third Saturday in October, will be October 21 and 22.

8. Kiki Wolf presented the report of Peace and Social Concerns. Volunteers are needed to distribute literature for Vietnam Sabbath on Sunday, October 22.

A sub-committee of Peace and Social Concerns has been formed to study the question of alleged police brutality. A letter has been drafted for approval by the Meeting, to be sent to the Hartford Chief of Police and the City Manager, and to local churches. Gerda Conant read this letter and after considerable discussion the Meeting approved of the letter essentially as it was read to us, requesting that it be carried in person to the Chief of Police by Richard Conant or by another person deemed suitable by Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

It was suggested that we invite members of the Committee for Non-Violent Action to discuss with us the role of non-violent groups in expressing constructively and helpfully their interest in Hartford affairs. This suggestion was passed on to Adult Education Committee.

9. Jane Cheney presented a proposal that arrangements be made for the holding of dances for teenage young people at Parker Memorial in the Hartford North End, with adults volunteering to be present. The Meeting endorsed the idea and encouraged Jane Cheney to proceed in the name of the Meeting in enlisting the aid of other interested groups to carry out such a project.

0. Florence Carpenter has written a letter to Representative Daddario about the proposed surtax for the war in Vietnam, urging him to vote against the surtax and seek an early end to the war and to work for aid to depressed areas. The Meeting approved of sending the letter.

1. Gerda Conant pointed out that there may be ways in which we could serve some needs of our neighbors living near the Meeting House, such as, for example, allowing use of our play area. She suggested the possibility of inviting neighbors in for a tea or a movie, and to share their ideas about neighborhood needs. The Meeting asked three committees to cooperate in making further plans -- Management, Nursery School, and Hospitality.

2. The Meeting waited a few moments in silent worship, and then was closed, purposing to meet again on November 9. Thirty-four people attended.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

November 9, 1967

1. The Meeting was opened with a few minutes of worship, with the Clerk reading the Tenth Query.

2. Thomas Bodine read the Treasurer's report.

   As of November 1, we have received $9,465 out of a budget of $14,270 for 1967. Last year at this time we had received $8,300 out of a budget of $13,500. The Finance Committee will send us reminders this month, to members and attenders who have contributed last year or this. Habil fund (Northeastern Special Student Aid) has now a deficit of about $600.

3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Robert Brill

   (a) The Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Hilarion Braun and Pallas Geddes has met with the young couple and reported to Ministry and Counsel. Ministry and Counsel recommends that the Meeting accept responsibility for marriage on December 23.

   The Meeting approved of undertaking responsibility for the marriage and appointed Theodore and Ellen Paullin, Robert and Helen Brill, and Ernest and Catherine Brown as overseers. The wedding will be followed by a reception at Pallas's home in Winsted.

   (b) It has been found that some Friends who do not have cars experience considerable difficulty and some embarrassment in arranging to get to Meeting on Sundays. Appointment of a coordinator was considered, but it seemed wiser to lay this matter upon all Friends that closer touch be kept with people who need transportation.

   The Meeting preferred not to organize this service especially, but returned the question to Ministry and Counsel to proceed as seems appropriate.

   (c) Many Friends attended the funeral of Faith Martin Brown, who died on October 28. It was a Meeting for Worship, with messages from several people.

   (d) Two babies have been born recently to Meeting families: Louisa Almy to Alan and Rosalind Spier on September 15, and Ellen Judith to Lawrence and Mary Rubin onOctober 7.

   The Meeting asked Dorothy Parsons to visit them and take a suitable book as a gift from the Meeting.

4. The Clerk read a letter from C. W. Kemp of the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company. Under the will of the late Dr. Martha Louise Clifford, a piece of property at 123 Argyle Ave., West Hartford, including house and extra lot, is bequeathed to Hartford Monthly Meeting. It is an outright bequest with no conditions attached. The Meeting asked George Halford and Alan Spier to attend to the business relationships at the bank, with Thomas Bodine as a consultant. At the next business meeting we intend to appoint a committee to consider possible uses for this property.

5. A letter was read from Herbert Hadley of the Friends World Committee. Hartford Meeting is asked to use our facilities for a meeting of the American Section of the Friends World Committee next September 27-28. They would need:

   (a) Meeting place for 120-150 persons.
   (b) Hospitality in Friends' houses for about 50 to 60 persons coming from a distance.
   (c) Five or six rooms suitable for subcommittee meetings.
   (d) A local transportation coordinator.
   (e) Serving of Saturday lunch and supper.

   The hospitality Committee agreed to serve catered meals, and other Friends volunteered to care for about half the overnight guests.

   The Meeting approved of issuing an enthusiastic invitation to the World Committee to come here for its meeting in September.

6. The following minute was approved, to be taken to Emily McDonell by Virginia Costales:

   > "Our beloved member, Emily Redfield McDonell, plans to be united in marriage with Arthur Rinden on November 11. Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends extends to her our very best wishes for a happy future.
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   > "Since Emily and Arthur Rinden will be travelling in Mexico, and then spending a period of time in Georgia, the Meeting also commends them to Friends whom they may meet in the course of their journeys, and through them extends its love and greetings."

7. Archie Meshenuk reported on New England Yearly Meeting, held at Nasson College, Springvale, Maine, last August. It was an unusually large conference, augmented by the presence of many Friends from the World Conference in North Carolina. Yearly Meeting will be held at the same place next year.

   The Bible Half Hour each morning was something really special, conducted by David Blamires, lecturer in German at the University of Manchester.

   An interesting report was made by Roy Hanson, who runs a project in Sheffield, Mass., for high school and college dropouts

The current budget for New England Yearly Meeting was increased over last year. Archie pointed out the importance of raising it in order to keep the much loved and respected Young Friends Secretary.

There was considerable discussion over sending funds to Canada for aid to North Vietnam, which may be interpreted as an illegal act and might jeopardize the officers of Yearly Meeting. The Meeting did not feel able to put this risk on these officers, but went on record as being willing to support any individual who wished to send aid to North Vietnam.

Thomas Bodine showed us the Yearly Meeting budget, explaining the need for the $8,000 raise this year, and the importance of Friends United Meeting activities as ones more or less equivalent to AFSC activities. Our Meeting should try to raise our contribution to Yearly Meeting this year by about at least 25 per cent.

8. Ruth Lilienthal reported on Quarterly Meeting in October. New London Friends are now organized as a monthly meeting in our quarter.

9. Kiki Wolf described some exploratory meetings for social action in West Hartford that we may be asked to join or support. The Meeting encouraged Peace and Social Concerns Committee to continue its participation.

10. Quarterly Meeting is planned for this Meeting House on February 4, 1968.
11. Letters were read from Lucie Barber Germer and Dr. Nikolai Georgieff.

Twenty members were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Cle

December 14, 1967

1. The Meeting was opened with a few minutes of worship, the Clerk reading the Sixth Query.

2. Thomas Bodine read the Treasurer's report. The Meeting has received to date $12,987.15. $132.85 additional is needed to meet this year's budget. Friends present contributed for the gift sent to Nick Georgieff and for the wedding gift to Pallas Geddes and Hilarion Braun.

3. There was no formal report from Ministry and Counsel. Arthur Wolf reported that Paul Butterworth suffered a mild stroke on December 12 and is in Hartford Hospital.

All members of the Meeting are invited to the wedding of Elizabeth Helfrick and Geoffrey Barnard at 3:00 P.M. on December 17, and to the wedding of Pallas Geddes and Hilarion Braun at 1:00 P.M. on December 23.

A memorial service for Edith Balderston Clapp, who died on December 10, will be held at the Meeting House on December 16 at 2:00 P.M.

The following memorial minute was read; a copy will be sent to Quarterly Meeting:

> "EDITH BALDERSTON CLAPP, 1888 - 1967, active in the first tentative gatherings of Friends in this area, became one of the charter members of the newly established monthly meeting. Her contribution was unique. A birthright Friend, steeped in the inner silences and the outward expressions of Quakerism, she knew as by instinct the path forward and upward.
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> "Not a few were drawn to the meeting by her consistent life. Her vocal ministry in worship was helpful; especially effective was her quiet ministry as she gently spoke to one of us using the singular pronoun, thee.
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> Insert ** "The infirmity of Edith's last years, peaceful and sheltered, brings us sadness that so few of our younger Friends knew the greatness of her spirit; yet our sorrow is overcome by joy and confidence as we see how wide became the influence of her quiet goodness. May our Meeting ever continue along the Path where she found Light!"
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> ** "A librarian by profession, she established and gave purpose to our Meeting Library, which has become so significant in the growth of our fellowship.

4. Margaret Morrison reported for the Library Committee. Friends approved the present plan of having books and pamphlets on the library table at the rear of the Meeting room, and of the acquisition of shelves for this area to accommodate Quaker and devotional books. Peace and Social Concerns Committee requested a new bulletin board.

5. The Clerk read a letter from Herbert Hadley accepting the Meeting's invitation to Friends World Committee - American Section to hold its annual meeting here September 27-28, 1968.

6. George Halford reported on his meeting with the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company about the bequest to the Meeting of the home of Martha Louise Clifford at 123 Argyle Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut. Insurance is being continued, and heating and snow removal has been arranged. Friends expressed their appreciation to George Halford and approved his report for the acceptance of the property and the payment of current bills for upkeep. A committee on the use of the Clifford property was formed: Eithel Halford, convenor; Alan Spier; Thomas Bodine; Patricia Ritter; and Paul and Elizabeth Butterwo consultants, and a representative to be designated by Peace and Social Concerns. This committee will report January 11 at next Monthly Meeting.

7. Don Noel reported on the Connecticut Housing and Investment Corporation, formerly the Robert Littleton Co. A total of 150 families have been assisted to move into integrated neighborhoods in the three years of the corporation's operation.

8. Robert Brill announced that George Corwin of Friends General Conference will lead discussion at Quarterly Meeting in Hartfor on February 3-4, 1968. Young Friends will be in charge of the Sunday meal.

9. Dorothy Parsons reported that books were given on behalf of the Meeting to the Alan Spiers and the Lawrence Rubins in token of the birth of their daughters.

10. Peace and Social Concerns Committee

    1. Florence Carpenter reported attending the Witness for World Community at the United Nations Plaza in New York on December 8-10.

    2. Kiki Wolf reported that to date no reply has been received to the October 12 letter sent by the Meeting to Police Chie Kerrigan and City Manager Friedman of Hartford about the disturbances in Hartford September 18-19. Two meetings of the Greater Hartford Clergy have been held. A letter was read which will be sent to Mayor Uccello of Hartford, proposing that a meeting be held with Chief Kerrigan and Mr. Friedman on January 5, 1968.

    3. Dorothy Parsons urged support for Inner City Exchange's Project Can-Do, a nursery for children ineligible for Head Start. No money for toys and equipment is available; donations are much needed. Such articles may be brought to the Meeting House.

    4. Don Noel reported on two meetings of the Combined West Hartford Social Action Committee. Its one-to-one tutoring project is underway, but its housing action is proceding very slowly. He also reported on Church Action: many

improvements have been made on the property and cash reserves have been built up; one or two Friends are needed for the Church Action Board.

5. A request for money has been received from the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, in Philadelphia, and was referred to the Finance Committee.

6. Muriel Johnson, a Negro worker in the northend, met with the Social Action Committee, and this was follwed by a meeting with her group, which is pushing housing. Friends suggested an evening meeting in January to acquaint the Meeting with the concern for housing of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Copies of the Minutes of the 1967 New England Yearly Meeting are available.

The Meeting was adjourned after a few minutes of worship. About forty persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Helen Brill
HELEN BRILL, Recording Clerk, Pro Tem

uary 11, 1968

The Meeting began with quiet worship and the reading of the Ninth Query.

Thomas Bodine reported that we ended the year 1967 with a comfortable surplus, possibly some where around $1200. The Finance Committee expects to present the budget for 1968 at the next Monthly Meeting and asks committees to make their requests as soon as possible.

The Clerk read a letter from Quarterly Meeting, asking Monthly Meetings to express their opinions on the 1968 Yearly Meeting budget. We plan to consider this whole question also at the next Monthly Meeting.

Robert Brill presented the report of Ministry and Counsel. They recommend to Monthly Meeting that we approve the request of Edith Neece to transfer the membership of Talmadge and Edith and their three children, Laura, Robert and Alice, to Little Rock Meeting, which is a preparative meeting affiliated with Dallas Monthly Meeting. Friends approved the transfer of membership.

5. Kiki Wolf reported for the Committee on Oversight that the marriage of Geoffrey Barnard and Elizabeth Helfrick was accomplished very happily. Robert Brill reported that the wedding of Hilarion Braun and Pallas Geddes was also a happy occasion. Legalities in connection with both weddings have been complied with.

6. Representatives were named to Quarterly Meeting, which will be here on February 3 and 4: Ruth Lilientahl, Alice Cheney, and Wendell Clepper.

7. The Clerk read a letter from Alice Jorgensen, now of Tarpon Springs, Florida, written in response to notification of the death of Edith Clapp. The letter is really a memorial to Edith, and in it Alice recalls some small meetings for worship in the Ann St. YWCA, about thirty years ago in the early days of this Meeting.

8. The reading of the letter seemed to touch off a discussion of the fact that, except for the official minutes in Providence, under the care of Yearly Meeting, historical records of our Meeting are scattered. Interest was expressed in finding someone in the Meeting to organize memorabilia, which could be stored in a fireproof section under the stairs of our new wing.

9. The Meeting urged Alan Spier, who was not present, to press the executors of the estate of Martha Louise Clifford to see that the possessions remaining in the house for disposal by relatives be removed by February 1, so that our new tenants can move in. The rental of the house is a temporary measure, until the committee for the use of the property can report and a decisio be made by the Meeting.

10. Adult Discussions planned for the next few Sundays are these:

    January 14 - George and Elizabeth Corwin, talking about Friends General Conference
    January 21 - Debbie Reik and three others - a panel on the so-called Generation Gap
    January 28 - Clarabel Marstaller, speaking on Friends United ~~Council~~ Meeting.
    February 4 - Quarterly Meeting
    February 11- Quaker Attitudes Toward Sex.

11. Response to our letter in October to Hartford City Manager Friedma and Police Chief Kerrigan has been slow in coming, but now a meetin has been set up with Mr. Friedman. He has agreed to talk with abou half a dozen persons of various faiths, including three members of our Peace and Social Concerns Committee, on January 25, concerning the proposals outlined in the letter.

12. Fifteen members attended. Next Monthly Meeting will be on February 8, 1968.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

February 8, 1968

1. The meeting was opened with a few minutes of worship, with the Clerk reading the third query.

2 Finance Committee

Thomas Bodine presented the proposed budget for 1968.

(a) The Meeting had a surplus in 1967 of $2,680.64

(b) Friends decided against taking out earthquake insurance.

(c) The Meeting approved a 25% increase in its contribution to New England Yearly Meeting.

(d) Allocation of the $165. Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School scholarship was referred to Peace and Social Concerns if no child of the Meeting is available for the scholarship.

(e) The item for the Greater Hartford Council of Churches was increased to $150.

(f) Friends approved the 1968 budget of $15,780.00.

(g) Friends approved making a pledge to deposit $3,000.00 of its funds in the Connecticut Savings and Loan Association.

3 Martha Clifford House

In the absence of a report from the Committee, Friends postponed discussion on the disposition of the house. The furniture has been removed and the Meeting took title to the property on February 2. Friends approved adding James Carpenter to the committee. Gerda Conant has been appointed to represent Peace and Social Concerns, and Patricia Ritter is the convenor.

4 Peace and Social Concerns will present its housing concerns to Friends at a special meeting for business on February 15.

5. Announcements

(a) Alice Cheney reported on the Greater Hartford Council of Churches training program for volunteers to call on elderly persons. A new training program starts March 4.

(b) There will be an AFSC sponsored meeting March 4 to hear Robert Eaton of the Phoenix voyage to Viet Nam.

(c) James Carpenter told of recent vandalism at the Meeting House. Friends decided to have a meeting of all adults and children on February 11 at 11:00 A.M. to discuss this.

(d) Adult Discussion in February is on Friends Peace Testimony.

(e) Morris Mitchell of Friends World Institute will be here for a potluck supper with Friends on February 14.

6. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. About 25 persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Helen Brill
HELEN BRILL, Recording Clerk, Pro

Special Meeting
February 15, 1968

1. This Special Meeting was called at the request of Peace and Social Concerns Committee, to present for discussion their concerns about housing in the Hartford area.

2. After a few minutes of silence, the Clerk announced the death of AGNES deCOU JONES on February 12, 1968. A memorial service will be held in our Meeting House on Saturday, February 24 at 2 o'clock.

3. With the help of Dorothy Parsons, the Inner City Exchange has set up a much needed nursery school.

4. Kiki Wolf reported as chairman of Peace and Social Concerns that several members finally did meet in January with Hartford Police Chief Kerrigan, City Manager Friedman and several clergymen. They felt that the two city officials were entering honestly and searchingly into the discussion and that our committee has succeeded in acting as a catalyst to help bring about closer cooperation between Hartford police and clergy. An agreement was reached to meet month and to establish a rotating list of clergymen on call to aid police The Greater Hartford Council has agreed to take over this project.

Members of Peace and Social Concerns have had several meetings at Clay Hill House with various representatives of the negro community. Discussions have brought to a focus the problem of housing as the most urgent concern. Our members have various approaches to suggest.

(a) Ernest Brown presented his "Homestead Plan" under which the Meeting would acquire an old duplex house in Hartford together with a prospective owner, who would make a down payment of $2,000, the remainder being paid by the Meeting. The prospective owner would help renovate the house, and then he and another family would move in, pay off the mortgage in 15 years and also repay our Meeting. Ernest pointed out the satisfactions of home ownership and the minority group resentment of absentee ownership.

(b) Don Noel felt this plan was not practical because of the constant repair and supervision required for rehabilitated houses. He suggested renovation of a four-family house and then either renting it to welfare families placed there by the Hartford Housing Authority or else selling it to the Authority. He also suggested buying another apartment house through Church Action, Inc., rehabilitating and renting it.

(c) Various Meeting members pointed out the importance of negro control of loan corporations, better employment, the assistance of minority groups themselves in the actual physical work of renovating, and the need for helping welfare families who are not entitled to own their own homes.

So called "sweat-equity" is small in Hartford because of rigid building codes regarding plumbing, electric wiring, etc., and is applicable to little more than painting. Managing of a property would require continuous supervision at least weekly and considerable work on the part of a good many people.

We feel it important to do something that helps more than just one or two families. Persons in minority groups would prefer to work on a personal basis rather than with the red tape and impersonality of government agencies.

It became clear as the evening went on that without further specific details, Friends were not ready at this time to undertake heavy responsibility.

The Meeting did, however, encourage Peace and Social Concerns to continue to meet with the neighborhood housing group at Clay Hill House and explore their ideas for our best use of time, money, management, personal skills, and other support, and if possible to come back to the Meeting with a specific proposal for us to consider. The Meeting also authorized Peace and Social Concerns to offer the group at their discretion a loan of up to $,1,000 in Meeting funds.

6. After a period of worship the meeting adjourned until March 14.

7. Thirty-three persons were present.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA M. HELFRICK, Recording Cle

March 14, 1968

1. During a brief worship period, the Clerk read the Eleventh Query.

2. Minutes of the Special Business Meeting were read and approved.

3. Alice Fox read a report of the Sewing Committee for the past two years. Last year the group shipped 2,609 pounds of clothing to Philadelphia, and this year 1,835 pounds so far. Attendance at the sewing group has dwindled from an average of about seven to about three or four women. A new director and more women are urgently needed to carry on this important activity. It was suggested that some of the sewing be done during Monthly Meeting, or by an older girls' class in the First Day School. Perhaps Saturday morning or Thursday evening once a month would be a suitable time f workers to come.

4. The special committee for the disposition of the Argyl Avenue house has now met. Patricia Ritter reported that the committee recommend that it be sold immediately for $35,000 asking price without commis and that the proceeds be set aside in a fund to be known as the Martha Clifford Fund, the disposition of which would be decided by the Meeting.

   Despite lengthy discussion, we could not feel comfortable with any proposed minute with regard to disposal of the property. The Meeting decided to ask Ethel Halford to obtain another appraisal of the property and make inquiries of Connecticut Housing and Investment with respect to this appraisal. Virginia Costales is asked to find out whether residents in the neighborhood of the property are interested in buying it. The Meeting set up a Special Meeting for Busine at 11:15 A.M. on Sunday morning, March 24, following Meeting for Worship, to plan further action on the selling of the property.

5. The Meeting authorized the Clerk to appoint overseers for the Annua Friends Witness for Peace on Good Friday, April 12, 1968, in Boston.

The Meeting approved of co-sponsoring an address by William Sloane Coffin in May and asked that a member of Peace and Social Concerns represent our Meeting on the Planning committee.

Arthur Wolf reported that Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee requests that we discuss promptly a pamphlet on Friends Peace Testimony. The Meeting planned another Special Business Meeting for this purpose on Sunday, April 7 immediately at the rise of the Meeting for Worship.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA M. HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

ecial Meeting for Business
rch 24, 1968

Following Meeting for Worship, approximately 35 Friends gathered for a special Business Meeting, called to discuss further the Argyll Avenue property matter left from the March 14 Meeting for Business.

After a brief period of silence, the Clerk read a letter from Eva Lilienthal and David Kramer, requesting marriage under the careof our Meeting early in June, and suggesting Laurence and Margaret Morrison and Arthur and Kiki Wolf as a Committee on Oversight. The Meeting appointed James and Cynthia Reik and Bernard and Ruth Wojan as a Committee on Clearness.

The Clerk received this past week a telephone call from Charles Hammond, requesting money from Hartford Meeting to help transcribe a recording of his original trial for purposes of appeal. A letter was received also regarding this matter from Howard Roberts, Clerk of Storrs Meeting, where Charles is a member. After some discussion, the Meeting approved of appropriating $300 as a gift.

Margaret Morrison read a statement by Neil Haworth, who is having a court hearing in Hartford tomorrow morning, for refusal to pay all his income tax for conscientious reasons. Friends are urged to attend the hearing as a demonstration of support.

The discussion of the sale of the Martha Clifford property was continued from the March 14 Meeting for Business. The Committee had recommended an asking price of $35,000. A second appraisal has now been made, this figure being $31,000 as the present sale value of the property. The house and the lot on which it stands is valued at $25,800, and the extra lot at $5,200. This does not include a commission. The size mortgage which would be granted by a bank to a prospective buyer has not yet been ascertained, nor do we know whether the present driveway is located on any portion of the extra lot.

The Meeting appointed a Committee consisting of Theodore Paullin, James Carpenter, Ethel Halford, and Patricia Ritter, and authorize them to fix a reasonable asking price, to determine priorities among neighbors who have expressed an interest in buying and to notify them, to decide the period of time during which the offer holds, and to offer it next to the Connecticut Housing and Investment Fund, and if that is not successful, later to put it on the open market. The Committee is authorized to act on behalf of the Meeting, even at a price lower than the original asking price.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

April 11, 1968

1. The Meeting opened with a period of worship. Francis Helfrick, who presided in the absence of the C lerk, read several Queries from Faith and Practice.

2. The Finance Committee report was given by Fred Wheeler concerning the Meeting's twelve trust funds. The following recommendations of the committee were approved:

    (a) The income from the Gilbert Memorial and Edgerton Funds will be used for cemetery maintenance.

    (b) The Rich Memorial Fund will be used by the Sewing Committee for equipment it needs now or in the future.

    (c) The Edith Clapp Memorial Fund will be turned over to the Library Committee to purchase books in her many fields of intere A bookplate bearing Edith Clapp's name will be placed in these books.

    (d) The Agnes deCou Jones Fund and the Thomas Harvey Fund, plus interest, will be used to buy a mimeograph machine for the Meeting and the AFSC office.

    (e) The Furniture Fund will be used for the purchase of a new Meetin

House Bench. Harold Clapp may be able to make the bench.

(f) $4,000 instead of $3,000 of the Maplewood Avenue Trust will be deposited in the Connecticut Savings and Loan Association when it opens.

(g) The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, are authorized to place in a savings account any monies not needed in the checking accounts so they may earn interest.

The Treasurer's report was read by Marjorie Baechler. From January 1 to March 31, 1968 individuals in the Meeting contributed $3,123. to the general fund.

Robert Brill reported for Ministry and Counsel. Friends were concerned to learn that Harry Locke is seriously ill in Buenos Aires. Helen Brill reported that she and Don Noel called on the Wolf family in regard to the membership application of Kiki Wolf, James and Anne, and warmly recommend that they be received into membership. The Meeting enthusiastically approved this action, and appointed the Wheeler and Reik families to be a committee of welcome.

The report on the committee for clearness on the marriage of Eva Lilienthal and David Kramer was given by James and Cynthia Reik who, along with Bernard and Ruth Wojan, met with the couple. They warmly recommend that the marriage take place. Lawrence and Margaret Morrison and Arthur and Kiki Wolf will constitute the Committee on Oversight for the June 1, 1968 marriage.

Friends approved the Clerk's writing a Travelling Minute for Robert and Dorothy Parsons who will leave in June to spend a year in Kenya.

A report on the Martha Clifford property was given by James Carpenter. The house has been sold for $32,500. with Ethel Halford as agent. The Finance Committee and the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns will report at the next Meeting for Business their recommendations for the disposition of the funds from the sale.

A concern about the financial plight of the Friends Journal was presented by Francis Helfrick for Paul Cleaver and Thomas Bodine. Friends approved sending a contribution of $25.

The Meeting appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting, May 4-5 in New Haven, Henry and Marjorie Baechler, Wendell and Jeanne Clepper, and Davis Taylor.

Jeanne Clepper gave the annual Recorder's Report for the year 1966. Our membership totals 249, of which 184 are resident members, and 65 are non-resident. The Meeting has 108 junior members.

Kiki Wolf announced that on April 30 members of the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns will have a conference in New York with Ross Flanagan on work being done by New York Friends in areas of community conflict.

12. Archie Meshenuk reported for Young Friends. They have had two meetings with Edwin Hinshaw; plans are underway to hold a seminar, May 11-12 at the Meeting House, on the theme: "The Role of the Individual in the Family, Society, Government, and Self." The fee will be $2.50. Invitations will be sent to Young Friends in the Quarterly Meeting.

13. Marjorie Baechler proposed a family weekend at Woolman Hill October 11-13, 1968, possibly with Friends from Storrs Meeting. She was encouraged to make further arrangements.

14. The Meeting closed with a period of worship, to convene again May 8, 1968.

Francis Helfrick
FRANCIS HELFRICK, Assistant Clerk

Helen Brill
HELEN BRILL, Recording Clerk pro tem

May 9, 1968

1. After a few moments of silence, the Clerk read the Second Query on the Meeting for Worship.

2. The Argyle Avenue property, the bequest of Dr. Martha Louise Clifford, has been sold, and to legalize the sale, the Meeting approved the following resolutions:

   RESOLVED: That the Clerk of Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends (the "Meeting") be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the Meeting, one or more deeds, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Meeting, conveying all of the right, title and interest of the Meeting in and to certain real property located at 123 Argyle Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut, to Walter Tarnakow or his nominee or nominees, all pursuant to an Agreement to Buy dated March 31, 1968 between the Meeting and Walter Tarnakow.

   RESOLVED: That the proper officers and agents of the Meeting be and hereby are authorized and directed to take any and all further steps as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the transaction contemplated by said Agreement to Buy dated March 31, 1968.

3. The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Ernest Brown. With a few additions the slate was accepted, and the Meeting expressed pleasure that several Young Friends are named to serve on committees this year.

4. Francis Helfrick was named to the new nominating committee to serve a term of three years, and Jeanne Clepper was named to serve for one year.

5. Friends General Conference at Cape May, New Jersey, will not be an open conference as in the past, but will be a Meeting of appointed delegates, one representative and one alternate from each Monthly Meeting. Families of appointed delegates are welcome at Cape May unless there are small children and the spouse does not attend. A core group of thirty-five High School Young Friends will be based at the Windsor Hotel and will have a program with the children of appointed delegates. Meetings are encouraged to appoint some delegates under 40 years of age, some of college age. Evening meetings will be open to all. The Meeting appointed Patricia Ritter as our delegate, and William Halford as alternate.

6. Mimeographed sheets were distributed listing proposals for possible use of the money from the sale of the Martha Clifford property, for Friends to study before next Monthly Meeting.

7. Jeanne Clepper reported on Quarterly Meeting last Sunday. David MacAllester was chosen to be the new Clerk, Clay Steinberger as Recording Clerk, and Roy Treadway will continue as Clerk of Ministry and Counsel. Monadnock Meeting would like to have visitors at their Meeting for Worship. Friends anticipating visiting should check with the Meeting School concerning meeting time before coming.

8. Fred Wheeler called attention to urgent need of China Camp for funds for maintenance and improvement, particularly foundation repairs and new toilet facilities.

9. Definite arrangements have been made by Marjorie Baechler for a Woolman Hill Family Weekend October 11-13.

10. Allen Memorial Chapel on North Main Street in Hartford has invited us to participate in a series of revival meetings June 3 through 12. Friends who feel this is a helpful activity to share are urged to attend.

11. The Clerk read a note from Charles Hammond, a Storrs Meeting member who is appealing his draft status. He thanked the Meeting for its contribution and encouragement. Charles has become a conscientious objector while in the armed services, and the point at issue in his case is whether a civilian appeal board has jurisdiction over his appeal.

12. The Meeting is invited to the Butterworths' for a picnic in June. Friends accepted with pleasure for June 16.

13. The Meeting is asked by Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee to accept, modify or reject the statement in the pamphlet, "Friends Peace Testimony in the Twentieth Century." At a discussion two weeks ago the Meeting seemed to agree pretty fully with the general statement of the first page of the pamphlet, but were unable to endorse the specifics in the remainder of the pamphlet, and would need to discuss the pamphlet at great length to see just what we could endorse, or indeed whether we could be unified enough to endorse the remainder at all as an expression of corporate witness.

14. A mimeograph machine has been purchased and is now in use in the AFSC office.

15. Arthur Wolf announced that the wedding of Eva Lilienthal and David Kramer will take place in our Meeting House at 11:26 A.M. on Saturday, June 1.

16. Fifteen Young Friends will have a two-day conference here with Edwin Hinshaw on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12. Olive Rayne, who is an occupational therapist who has been working for the AFSC and is recently returned from Vietnam, will also share Meeting for Worship and Fellowship Luncheon on that Sunday. Sam and Jane Burgess and Elizabeth Ballard are also expected for luncheon.

17. After a few minutes of silent worship, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on June 13. Twenty-four persons were in attendance.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Cler

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING - May 26, 1968

1. Following Meeting for Worship and Adult Discussion Group on the morning of Sunday, May 26, 1968, the Clerk called a special meeting for the purpose of approving a Travelling Minute for Martha Ritter. The Meeting wholeheartedly approved of the writing of the minute. Martha will be travelling to Europe this summer, leaving before the June Business Meeting.

Theodore Paullin
THEODORE PAULLIN, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
SYLVIA HELFRICK, Recording Clerk

June 13, 1968

1. After a few moments of silence the clerk read from the Philadelphia Faith and Practice on personal and social responsibility.

2. The report of Ministry and Counsel was given:

   a. A certificate of removal from Haddonfield Monthly Meeting, New Jersey, to Hartford Monthly Meeting for Sallie Knorr Stewart, who moved recently to East Granby, was received. Helen Brill and Mary Rubin were named to visit her.

   b. A certificate of removal from Wilmington Monthly Meeting, Delaware, was received for Andrew Morrison Linn. The Wheelers and Wolfs will visit the Linns in September when they return.

   c. Letters of application for membership were received from the Hawkes and Shepard families. Ministry and Counsel will visit the families.

3. Helen Brill presented the report of the First Day School Committee:

   a. A list of Quaker summer opportunities for adults and children was distributed.

   b. The Committee recommended that starting in September the time for First Day School be changed to ten o'clock, the same time as Meeting for Worship. It was felt that this would strengthen First Day School. Once a month there would be an emphasis on family Sunday. In addition some classes could come in to Meeting for the first twenty minutes. Families who wish may have their children attend Meeting all or part of the time. At eleven o'clock, activities similar to those provided at ten o'clock would be available. Children would be free to attend these, play outdoors, attend adult discussion, or go home. The Meeting approved adoption of this proposal.

4. A suggestion was made to hold a monthly Meeting for Worship on Thursday evening. Referred to Ministry and Counsel.

5. Arthur Wolf reported for the overseers of the wedding of Eva Lilienthal and David Kramer. It was a lovely day and a happy occasion. Ruth Lilienthal thanked the Meeting for its sharing and help with the wedding.

6. Henry Baechler gave the Treasurer's report:

   a. The budget for the current year is $15,805, of which $14,605 is to be raised from individual contributions. Further contributions of $8,952 are needed before December to meet the budget.

   b. The proceeds from the sale of the Martha Clifford property have been invested in short term Treasury Bills due in November.

7. A letter from Friends Committee on National Legislation was read asking for corporate support from 200 meetings giving $200 each to aid FCNL efforts for the Poor People's Campaign. The Meeting approved sending the $200 but asked individual members to make contributions to cover this amount.

8. Use of proceeds from the sale of the Martha Clifford House:

   a. Fred Wheeler read a report from the Finance Committee which included suggestions in addition to those made last month by Peace and Social Concerns Committee for use of the proceeds.

   b. Jane Cheney urged us to remember Martha Clifford's long interest in maternal and child care.

   c. The Meeting approved using approximately $4,600 of the money to pay off the mortgage held by the Sunset Foundation on the new wing of the Meeting House, releasing about $1,200 a year from our regular ongoing budget for other purposes. Pat Ritter urged us to feel a particular concern to continue our budget at current levels despite this release of mortgage commitments.

   d. It was felt necessary to call a special Meeting for Business to continue the discussion and possibly make further decisions on the use of the remainder of the Clifford funds. The meeting is to be held Tuesday June 18, 1968 at 7:30.

9. Kiki Wolf told of Florence Carpenter's proposed visit to Washington to take part in the June 19 Poor People's March. She hopes to visit our Congressmen and senators. Members are urged to write individually expressing their feelings on the gun bill in particular.

10. The Police Community Relations Committee attended a session presented by the Law School on the legal aspects of riots.

11. Kiki also told of plans for a fan-out system to help in time of tension planned by the Friends-Clergy Committee.

12. Paul Cullen attended a meeting of the West Hartford Social Concerns Committee made up of representatives from West Hartford churches and synagogues. It was suggested they form a special Housing Committee to explore possible housing projects in West Hartford. This might well lead to the forming of a non-profit corporation. Paul felt the Meeting should express tentative agreement to taking part in such a corporation if we were to continue to participate. The Meeting approved Paul's continued participation.

13. Quarterly Meeting will be held at Storrs on Sunday July 28. Ruth Lilienthal, Alice Cheney, Jane Cheney, and Florence Carpenter will be the Meeting's representatives.

14. Ellen Paullin will be chairman of the arrangements for the weekend visit of the Friends World Committee September 27 and asks members to help in providing food and housing for the over one hundred who are expected to attend.

15. Ricky Conant presented information on how to provide bail bonds secured by property for people arrested during times of civil disturbances.

16. Habil Wejuli has been granted a scholarship from Boston College toward a Ph.D. in biology.

17. Ricky Conant made an appeal for housing and a car for an AFSC staff person.

32 members were present.

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

Special Meeting
June 18, 1968

1. After a few moments of silence, queries from Faith and Practice were read.

2. The Meeting turned to consideration of the proposals made for the allocation of the proceeds from the sale of the Martha Clifford House. Approximately $25,000 remain to be allocated. Proposals previously made were designated proposals A - N:
   A. Support of housing project modeled after Church Action.
   B. Interracial Friends School
   C. Contributions to Housing Now
   D. Contributions to Connecticut Housing Investment Fund (CHIF)
   E. Funds to Hartford Cooperative Housing Group, or similar project
   F. Civil Rights Bail Committee
   G. Youth Worker for AFSC
   H. Staff for Inner City Exchange
   I. Pay off mortgage on new wing (approved June 13 - Minute 8)
   J. Set aside funds to acquire properties contiguous to Meeting House
   K. Make capital contribution to China Camp
   L. Buy Woolman Hill 4½% investment notes
   M. Add to the Meeting's Sharing Fund
   N. Use some funds to liberate a member of the Meeting to pursue a concern.

3. The Meeting approved allocating $2,000 to the Civil Rights Bail Committee to be used in a revolving bail fund.

4. The Meeting agreed that we are ready to help China Camp financially in some way.

5. The Meeting approved allocating $2,000 to China Camp, indicating that these funds are part of a bequest from Martha Clifford.

6. The Meeting closed, to meet again September 12, 1968.

36 members were present

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

September 12, 1968

1. After a few moments of silence, the Clerk read the Third Query.

2. Wendell Clepper gave the report of Ministry and Counsel:

   a. George and Charlene Shepard were recommended for membership and their son Michael was recommended for junior membership. The Meeting approved. The Carpenters and Baechlers were appointed to welcome the family into membership.

   b. Wilson and Joan Hawkes were recommended for membership, and their children Victoria, Candice, and David were recommended for junior membership. The Meeting approved. The Brills and the Meshenuks were appointed to welcome the family into membership.

   c. Lois Williams has requested a change from junior to full membership. She hopes to be attending meeting in Honolulu where she will be living next year. The Meeting approved. Libby Butterworth will write to Lois.

   d. John and Mary Phillips request transfer of membership for themselves and their children, Ellen and Craig, to the Twin Cities Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved.

   e. Alexander and Jeannette Purdy requested a transfer of membership to Swarthmore Monthly Meeting and requested a letter noting that Alexander is a Recorded Minister of New England Yearly Meeting. The Meeting approved.

   f. The Meeting noted the loss by death on September 5th of Harry L.F.Locke, husband of member Katherine Locke, and on August 31st of attender Kenneth Waltermire. Meeting members attended funeral services.

3. The Meeting welcomed Austin and Joan Wattles who were attending Business Meeting for the first time. They moved here in May.

4. The Meeting approved the establishment of a midweek Meeting for Worship on a week night yet to be determined to begin on a date in early October, to be announced, to continue until further notice, with a progress report to be made no later than the December Meeting for Business.

5. Church Action, Inc. requested financial help for painting the four-apartment house they own. The Meeting approved a request for a loan from the Clifford Fund of up to $1,600 at a rate of interest to be set by the Finance Committee and representatives of Church Action, Inc.

6. Helen Brill gave the report of First Day School Committee:

   a. The Meeting wishes to record its grateful appreciation to Mary Jane Carpenter and Elsa Cullen who have chaired the First Day School with talent and devotion, carrying responsibility for bringing up a generation of good Quakers. Whether our children turn out to be saints or criminals, or in between, we shall always be grateful to these two devoted, committed, and exemplary Friends.

   b. First Day School classes will begin at 10 A.M. on September 15th with 55 students and 6 teachers.

c. It was suggested that each family share responsibility by caring for the children during the 11 o'clock hour.

7. Helen Brill reported on a visit to Sallie Knorr Stewart, welcoming her into membership. She recently transferred her membership from Haddonfield Monthly Meeting.

8. Henry Baechler gave the treasurer's report:

   a. Individual contributions total $7,290.45. Our total 1968 budget is $15,805, of which $14,600 must be raised through individual contributions.

   b. Contributions toward the special FCNL fund appeal total $25. The Meeting made a $200 contribution hoping to collect some of it from individuals. Additional gifts may be sent to the Treasurer marked for this purpose.

   c. $4,000 of the Meeting funds will be deposited in the Connecticut Savings and Loan Association this week.

   d. The Meeting authorized the sale of 57 shares of Union Carbide given to the Meeting as a contribution.

9. Marjorie Baechler reported on the Woolman Hill weekend October 11-13. 32 members have already signed up.

10. Ellen Paullin reported on the annual meeting September 27 - 29 of the American Section of the Friends World Committee to be held here. Friends approved paying for the Saturday lunch out of the Meeting's budget.

11. Fred Wheeler reported on a Meeting for Worship held in Watertown at 9:30 A.M. at the Library for the past two weeks. The Meeting approved continuing this worship group under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting.

12. With New England Yearly Meeting approval, the China Camp Committee is moving ahead with plans for a new service building. $8,000 is already at hand, with a further $12,000 needed. The building will be started with the receipt of $25,000 in funds or pledges. Fred Wheeler thanked the Meeting for its gift of $2,000 from the Clifford Fund.

13. The Meeting approved a request by Lynn McDowell and Helen Myles for the use of the Meeting House for their wedding on September 22, Sunday, at 1 P.M. The Reverend Joseph Duffy will perform the ceremony. A Meeting member will attend. (Elsa Cullen did.)

14. Florence Carpenter reported for Peace and Social Concerns telling of a letter sent to Connecticut delegates to the Democratic Convention concerning platform issues.

15. Arthur Wolf reported on the Bail Committee. The money which the Meeting contributed last June has been well used over the summer providing bail for persons arrested.

16. Ellen Paullin reported that Rosalind Putnam, who spent the past two years with the AFSC in Hong Kong, has returned to her teaching position at the University of Hartford.

17. John Rogers, who gave a series of talks to our Meeting on Negro History some years ago, has been appointed to establish a program for area schools on the topic.

18. The Maintenance Committee will be having a paint day soon.

19. Mary Jane Carpenter asked the Meeting to consider what, if any, action we might take to aid young men who refuse the draft. The Meeting approved asking Mary Jane to convene a committee to look into the best course the corporate Meeting might take to aid those who refuse the draft, examining what other religious groups have done, the possibility of offering sanctuary or hospitality, and suggesting what corporate act the Meeting might take to register its protest to the war and the draft. Don Noel and Anne-Marie Miller and Henry Baechler agreed to serve on this committee.

20. Due to the lateness of the hour, the Meeting postponed until next month a discussion of further use of Clifford funds.

40 members were present.

Robert M Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

October 10, 1968

1. Friends gathered in silence at 7:45. After the Meeting had settled into worship, Robert Brill read the Ninth Query on bringing up children.

2. Wendell Clepper reported for the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel:

    a. Dennis Greene, who has been a junior member, has asked to become a full member. He is now studying in Spain. The Meeting approved his membership.

    b. Georgia Halford Lozito has passed her 25th birthday and is now affiliated with another congregation. The Meeting for Ministry and Counsel recommended that her junior membership be dropped. The Meeting approved.

    c. A Proposal to attempt midweek evening Meetings for Worship has not gone forward and seems unlikely to be pursued unless there is new initiative in the Meeting. There was no response in tonight's Meeting.

    d. Paul and Hannah Cleaver will celebrate their 50th anniversary the day after Thanksgiving, November 29, and it is suggested that there be a coffee in their honor after Meeting for Worship on the preceding Sunday, in lieu of adult education program. The Meeting approved, and suggested a scroll be prepared for Friends to sign. Elsa Cullen will coordinate plans.

e. The transfers of membership of Sallie K. Stewart and Andrew M. Linn, received by the Meeting in June, were formally approved, correcting a formality overlooked at the time.

f. Helen Brill suggested a letter be written Grace Palmer, who is leaving for Philadelphia, commending her to Friends there. The Meeting approved.

3. For the First Day School Committee, Helen Brill reported that punctuality and attendance have been the chronic problems of our first four weeks. It was suggested Friends might call the teacher if children will not be in class to avoid disappointment when only a few show up for a carefully prepared lesson.

   There will be First Day School this Sunday even though many families will be at the Woolman Hill family weekend.

   Moses Bailey's new book, The Prophetic Word, was called to Friends' attention.

4. Robert Brill expressed the Meeting's gratitude to Ellen Paullin and to the many other friends who helped as chefs, chauffeurs and chambermaids, hosts and hostesses, meeters and greeters, at the annual meeting of the American Section, Friends World Committee, here on September 27 - 29. A warm letter of thanks from Herbert Hadley, Executive Secretary, was read with special thanks to Ellen Paullin, Florence Carpenter, Tom Brown, and Pat Ritter.

5. There are 57 registered for the Woolman Hill family weekend tomorrow and Saturday evenings. The children will sleep in tents, and Storrs Meeting will join us in numbers sufficient to fill the second building at Woolman Hill.

6. Mary Jane Carpenter reported on a visit by Blase Bonpane, a Maryknoll missionary who served on the Avon Institute staff last summer. He will be here October 24--27, under the American Friends Service Committee auspices, reporting on his experiences in Guatemala and, more recently, for a month in Cuba. He will speak at adult education at 11 Sunday, October 27th. The Meeting approved inviting non-Quaker friends of the AFSC to join us for worship and/or to hear Father Bonpane.

7. The AFSC continues to receive many inquiries from young men concerned about the draft. It was suggested that concerned Friends with children in high schools call their local principals urging that non-military alternatives be presented in the schools. There has been little recent success in having either speakers or literature placed in local schools.

8. Quarterly Meeting will be at Mount Toby October 19-20. Ruth Lilienthal and Tom Brown were asked to represent us officially, although others may attend. It was suggested we try harder in the future to give all members of the Meeting earlier notice of Quarterly Meetings. The following Quarter will be at Hartford February 1-2. Adult Education Committee was asked to begin planning a program.

9. Peace and Social Concerns Committee's meeting has been postponed to October 24. All Friends are welcome.

10. Fred Wheeler reported on the recent meeting of the Yearly Meeting Executive Council at Woolman Hill. The nominating committee would be glad to know of volunteers willing to serve on committee posts.

    A site for Yearly Meeting in 1969 is being sought since construction at Springvale, Maine, makes that traditional site unavailable. Taft School is available, but a location nearer the Connecticut-Massachusetts border would be preferable. A school with dormitory capacity of 300-600, easily accessible, and with a convenient floor plan would be ideal. Monday, November 11th, will be Executive Council and Committee Day at Wellesley.

11. Ellen Paullin suggested the Management Committee look into the shapery of the drapery, which is in need of dyeing or replacement. There being no Quaker committee willing to admit responsibility for hangings, Ellen was asked to look into the problem.

12. It was agreed to ask Bob Kearney to correct the spelling of "Nursery" on our sign on Quaker Lane.

13. Arthur Wolf suggested we anticipate an increase in neighborhood boys' use of our grounds when we put up a basketball backboard in front of the "temporary" garage. After bouncing the idea around, it was agreed to put up a Friendly sign, spelled correctly, inviting youngsters to use the basket but to respect our property.

14. "Dr. Nick" Georgieff, whom the Meeting helped as a refugee from Bulgaria five years ago, has sent documents to be signed for his naturalization. He is doing well in medical practice in Breckenridge, Michigan.

15. Gerda Conant reported on her contacts with the Weaver High Contemporary Club's teen-age drop-in center in the upper Albany Avenue area of Hartford at North Methodist Church. They spent $6,000 during the summer and hope to raise enough money to keep the Center going through the winter. It was suggested the Treasurer be asked to send them about $50 in our "contribution contingency" reserve and that others interested be urged through the bulletin to contribute cash and/or games. The Meeting approved.

16. Ilse Wolff, who worked with the late Martha Clifford at the State Health and Mental Health Departments, has asked permission to send to our mailing list a letter describing a memorial scholarship fund being established. We will contribute the postage and handle the mailing. The Meeting approved.

17. Robert Brill brought the Meeting up to date on the $20,100 remaining from the sale of the home bequeathed by Martha Clifford.

    Frances Helfrick suggested we join others interested in providing improved medical service for needy residents of the North End of Hartford, the predominantly Negro area, possibly through a scholarship or subsidy of personnel, rather than a building.

    Charles Parton reported on his meeting last May with a group from Clay Hill, at which he suggested a comprehensive family health care center along the lines of a pilot project in New York, Montefiore, and Columbia Point in Boston. They agreed that many people in Hartford have inadequate care, that there are too few professional personnel, that non-professionals can be trained to meet part of the need, and that local residents can be so trained. Meantime, a group of volunteer physicians from Hartford County Medical Society has also become interested and they are considering establishing an office housing a voluntary medical practice and other family-help agencies. Connecticut General Life Insurance Company has expressed interest in helping.

Tom Bodine suggested we not make any commitment until it is known what public and corporate support may be found.

Frances Helfrick and Charles Parton, both physicians, were asked to keep in touch with developments on the Meeting's behalf as the project crystallizes so that this may be considered among others already brought to the Meetings' attention.

Ted Paullin urged that we not dissipate the capital of the Martha Clifford Fund further, but hold it as a lump sum to be devoted to a single project within the means of the modest size of the remainder of the bequest.

Gerda Conant urged renewed consideration of an earlier proposal of a Quakerly school to pioneer techniques of integration in the inner city.

There was some doubt expressed that the Clifford Fund would be large enough to have a measurable impact on a project of such scope and that there was a core of concerned and capable Friends large enough to initiate and carry through such a project. This, too, was left for study.

The Meeting expressed its readiness to hold the Martha Clifford Fund intact until a project is found that seems wholly appropriate and to neither hurry in spending the money nor to scatter it in small disbursements.

The Treasurers and the Finance Committee will discuss next month the custodianship of the money until the right project is found.

The Meeting closed in silence at 10:10.

There were 26 present.

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Don Noel, Recording Clerk Pro-Tem

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of Business Meeting - November 14, 1968

1. During a period of silence the Clerk read advices from the Richmond Advises on Conscription and War of July 1948.

2. Wendell Clepper gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.

   a. Martha Ritter requested a change from junior membership to full membership. The Meeting approved. Ted, Ellen, and Marcia Paullin will visit Martha in Cambridge and welcome her.

   b. Libby Butterworth expressed a concern that in welcoming new members, we should lay some sense of responsibility on them. Friends agreed.

   c. The report on the State of the Meeting prepared every two years is due for presentation to Quarterly Meeting this Spring. Therewas some question of the wisdom and value of such a report. Ted Paullin has been asked to submit a draft for Ministry and Counsel.

3. Tom Bodine gave the report of the Finance Committee.

   a. With a budget of $14,605 for individual contributions, $10,748 has been received so far. The finance committee plans to contact those members who have not yet made a contribution.

   b. There is presently $20,676 (including interest) now remaining in the Clifford Fund. In response to a request by the Meeting to find a proper investment for these funds until such time as the Meeting wishes to allocate the funds, the finance committee suggested a loan to CHIF (Conn. Housing Investment Fund) covered by a promissory note for 6 months at 6% interest, then continuing on a month by month renewal which can be terminated by either party. Friends approved.

4. Mary Jane Carpenter reported on committee explorations of possible Meeting participation in opposition to the draft and conscription.

   a. The Meeting is happy to see the draft counselling of the Service Committee done in the Meeting House and whole-heartedly supports the work and efforts of the Center.

   b. The Meeting shares the concern of the draft counselors for individuals affected by the draft, and trusts that at any time something appears that definitely could be done, the counselors and the Clerk would feel free to call a special Meeting for Business to consider action.

c. Scott Ritter reported on the Friends National Conference on the Draft and Conscription held in Richmond in October 1968. Plans are now being made for a concerted effort in moving to repeal the draft.

d. Copies of the new Richmond Advices on Conscription and War 1968 will be mailed with the November bulletin.

5. The Meeting House will be the scene of the wedding of Anne Murray, Helen Brill's niece, and George Rosen on Saturday evening November 16. Moses Bailey will perform the ceremony.

6. Miriam Dubin has requested use of the Meeting House for a panel on conscientious objection and resistance on Friday, December 6 for high school students. The Meeting approved.

7. The Meeting has been asked to provide hospitality for Honor Court on December 9. Alice Chency and Ruth Lilienthal will attend and will welcome other Members who are interested. The Meeting approved use of Meeting Funds for the refreshments.

8. Dorothy Meshenuk will be attending a Leadership Training Session sponsored by the Yearly Meeting on Saturday, November 16 in Boston and welcomes passengers.

9. Florence Carpenter reminded Friends of the Wednesday noon vigil opposing the war in Vietnam and encouraged more participation and support.

10. Connie Way reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. A conference is planned early in the year with Ross Flanagan.

18 Members were present.

Robert M Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of Business Meeting - December 12, 1968

1. During a period of silence the Clerk read from the 8th Query from the New England discipline.

2. Wendell Clepper gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.

    a. Luther Z. Barber requested a change from junior membership to full membership. The Meeting approved. Luther is presently a student at M.I.T. and has registered as a C.O. Sylvia and Margaret Helfrick will visit him in Cambridge.

    b. Alice B. (Bunny) Cheney requested the Meeting no longer consider her a junior member. She has joined the Episcopal Church.

    c. Artie Knuttel requested a transfer from junior membership to full membership. The Meeting approved. Artie is presently a student at Dean Junior College. Ricky Conant and Marjorie Baechler will visit Artie when he is home for Christmas.

    d. It was noted that new members receive from the Meeting a 6 months subscription to Friends Journal and a copy of the New England Yearly Meeting Book of Discipline.

    e. Joan Herman and John Helfrick have joined other religious groups and no longer wish to remain members of our Meeting.

3. Helen Brill reported that the First Day School will have their annual Christmas Program on December 22 at 11 A.M. following Meeting for Worship.

4. The Finance Committee report was given.

    a. $1,927 still remains to be collected to meet our budget for this year. The finance committee will personally contact members who have not yet contributed.

    b. The Meeting authorized the treasurer to sell 5 shares of Halliburton stock.

    c. In order to remove the necessity for individual stock sale authorizations in the future, the Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, at which a quorum was present and voting throughout, passed the following motion, "Resolved that Henry J. Baechler, Treasurer, hereby is authorized to sell and assign shares of common or preferred stock or other negotiable securities received by the Meeting as a contribution now or in the future.."

5. A Martha Clifford Fund has been established for scholarships for women in Health Services at the University of Connecticut. Individual members have been asked to contribute. The Meeting took no action on a contribution to the fund from the Meeting as a whole at this time.

6. Joan Hawkes reported on the Hartford Area Gandhi Committee which is planning a celebration for the 100th anniversary of Gandhi's birth (Oct. 2, 1869). The Meeting asked Joan to represent the Meeting on this committee. Young Friends have been asked to name a member to this committee as well.

7. Ricky Conant urged that the Meeting make clear its relationship to cases of sanctuary and refuge. It was decided that a special Meeting for Business be called with due and deliberate speed.

8. Kiki Wolf gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns.

    a. A concern was expressed that more friends take part in the Wednesday noon Vietnam Vigil.

    b. The committee asked for information on taxation, capital punishment, abortion and narcotics as these will be areas that the committee hopes to discuss with state legislators.

    c. Ross Flanagan will talk on January 12 at the Meeting House on Community Conflict.

9. Fred Wheeler reported on the allowed Meeting in Watertown. He is encouraged by the attendance and hopes to continue. The Meeting approved continuation of this allowed Meeting.

10. Helen Brill expressed the gratitude of the Meeting to Sylvia Helfrick for the new Meeting list.

20 members were present.

Francis Helfrick
Francis Helfrick, Asst. Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of Special Business Meeting - Dec. 29, 1968

1. This special Meeting was called to determine the course of action the corporate Meeting wishes to take in regard to persons resisting the draft. The Clerk opened the Meeting by reading the previous minutes dealing with this topic over the past several months.

2. Robert Brill reviewed the events of the sojourn in Hartford by a group of young people traveling from the West Coast. Their bus broke down and the Meeting offered hospitality to the group while their bus was being repaired.

3. Don Noel read the text of the Declaration on the Draft and Conscription: Richmond 1968 prepared by the Friends National Conference on the Draft and Conscription October 11-13, 1968.

4. The Meeting agreed that a committee of volunteers should be named by the Clerk to minister in confidence to those who may seek temporary refuge and hospitality through the Meeting. The Meeting in establishing this committee reiterates its concern and support for those who are in conflict with military service for conscience sake, and expresses its support for members of the Meeting who may risk criminal prosecution themselves in pursuing our concern.

   The principal goal of the committee should be to counsel with those seeking help or hospitality- whether their problems are draft related or not - to help them formulate realistic plans for their personal future which constitute neither prolonged temporary refuge nor aimless flight.

   The Committee should, in prudence and discretion, be prepared to assist in arranging temporary housing with members of the Meeting or, if need be, in the Meetinghouse itself, for a limited and realistic period.

5. After a few moments of silence the Meeting adjourned. Twenty-four persons were in attendance.

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of Business Meeting—January 9, 1969

1. During a period of silence the Clerk read from the Fifth Query.

2. Ted Paullin gave the report for Ministry and Counsel.

   a. Robinson Lilienthal applied for a change from junior to full membership. The Meeting approved. Margaret Morrison and Robert and Helen Brill will call on Robin while he is home on school vacation.

   b. Ministry and Counsel suggested a Fellowship coffee hour and brunch be held to meet recent attenders on February 9.

3. Helen Brill gave the report for First Day School.

   a. The first semester ends January 26th. The children are planning a special program for that day.

   b. Five classes will be formed for next semester. There is still a need for two teachers.

   c. During Quarterly Meeting the children will attend Meeting for Worship, have their own classes and assembly, and in the afternoon visit the planetarium.

4. The Treasurer reported that 96 contributions had totaled $15,748 - over the budget. The new budget will be presented at the February Meeting for Business.

5. Kiki Wolf reported for Peace and Social Concerns on the coming visit of Ross Flanagan on January 12 and 13. He will lead Adult Discussion and address an evening meeting at 7:30 on Community Conflict. On Monday he will meet with the clergy who have been working on the Police-Community Relations Committee.

6. Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hartford on February 1 and 2. Malcolm Scott will speak in the afternoon on "New Concepts in Providing Education for Urban Communities."

7. Meeting approved sending a notice by first class mail of the Quarterly Meeting and the Attenders Brunch to all resident members and attenders.

8. The Clerk announced the dates of the Friends General Conference and New England Yearly Meeting and encouraged all those who could to attend.

9. Fred Wheeler will be attending the Executive Council of New England Yearly Meeting in Boston on February 11 and encouraged Friends to give him suggestions to bring to that meeting.

10. Robert and Sallie Stewart have adopted a girl, Jamia Louise Stewart, born on November 1, 1968. Bobbie Yager will call.

11. The Revitalization Corps will be happy to see that concert tickets not being used be given to those who could use them.

12. Bob Hindmarsh, fundraiser for the AFSC in Cambridge, was introduced. He is visiting contributors and looking for new contributors.

18 members were in attendance.

Robert M Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of Business Meeting - February 13, 1969

1. During a period of silence, the Clerk read part of the Third Query.

2. Wendell Clepper gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.

   a. Charles and Maria Allen have applied for membership. They have been attending the Watertown Meeting. The Meeting approved the application for membership. The Brills and Florence Carpenter will visit the Allens.

   b. A Memorial Fund has been established in the name of Clarence Jessel at Woolman Hill.

   c. Lois Williams will be married March 28th in Honolulu. Beginning August 1, Ralph Williams will be teaching in Kaimosi, Kenya.

3. Helen Brill gave the report for First Day School.

   a. The new semester has begun. Teachers will be Art Wolf, Anne Marie Miller, the Hardimans, Pat Ritter, Andrew Lynn, and Helen Brill.

   b. The children raised $20.25 for China Camp at their bake sale last week after Meeting.

   c. There will be a meeting for all those concerned with First Day School next Thursday at 7:30.

4. A note of thanks was given to Jim Carpenter and Bob Kearney for the massive job of snow removal.

5. Tom Bodine gave the report of the finance committee. The budget was approved as presented with two additions ($350 for drapes and paint for the Meeting Room and $25 for the Connecticut Council of Churches.) The total budget is $16,430.00.

6. The Meeting reaffirmed its opposition to capital punishment.

26 members were present.

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of Business Meeting - March 13, 1969

1. During a period of silence, the Clerk read part of the third query.

2. Wendell Clepper gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.

   a. A request for transfer of membership from Central Philadelphia Meeting was received for Austin and Joan Wattles and their four children Kirk, Miriam, Hugh, and Joel. The Meeting approved the transfer. Francis Helfrick and Brad Noel will welcome the Wattleses to Hartford Meeting.

   b. June Ridgway, who has now moved to Philadelphia, has asked to be removed from membership. The Meeting approved.

   c. The report on the State of the Society was read. It was approved and will be sent to Quarterly Meeting.

   d. Questions from the New England Yearly Meeting were read. It is hoped that Monthly Meeting can consider these before Yearly Meeting in June. The Clerk will arrange one or more Sunday evening meetings for this purpose.

3. Jeanne Clepper gave the annual report of the Recorder for 1968. There are now 243 members, compared to 249 at the end of 1967. This represents 13 additions and 19 losses.

4. Helen Brill gave the report of First Day School.

   a. The gift from Peter Klitgaard of an engraving of the Holy Land done by his father and pictures from the Wolfs were noted with gratitude.

   b. The First Day School Committee recommended that children attend Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes each Sunday. The Meeting approved the committee implementing the proposal for a trial period.

5. The Nominating Committee raised the question of whether or not the First Day School Committee and Young Friends should be laid down because of lack of support. Friends were urged to make their feelings known to the nominating committee.

6. Kiki Wolf gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns Committee. She presented the following resolution: Whereas the West Hartford Interfaith Housing Committee has been formed for the purpose of aiding members of minority groups to obtain housing in West Hartford; and Whereas membership on the West Hartford Interfaith Housing Committee is open to representatives of any Church or Synagogue located in West Hartford.
   NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends endorses the effort of the West Hartford Interfaith Housing Committee to aid minority group members to obtain housing in West Hartford; authorizes Paul Cullen and Jane Cheney to represent the Meeting on The West Hartford Inter-faith Housing Committee; and authorizes the Committee to seek volunteers to assist in its work from among the members of the Meeting."
   The Meeting adopted the above resolution of the West Hartford Inter-faith Housing Committee, and at the same time expressed the hope that the Committee would not limit itself to its present housing program, but would regard it as a first step toward an even broader effort for inter-racial harmony and equality of treatment in the community.

7. Fred Wheeler reminded Friends of Friendly Activities for the Summer - Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, China Camp, and Friends United Meeting.

8. Archie Meshenuk told of plans for a Young Friends "happening" to be held in Hartford on March 22-23.

Twenty-three members were present. The Meeting adjourned to meet again on April 10.

Robert M Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

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HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
Minutes of Business Meeting - April 10, 1969

1. During an opening period of worship the Clerk read from the 8th Query.

2. The Clerk read a letter from Alexander O. Boulton and Hannah R. Williams requesting to be married under the care of the Meeting on April 26 at 2 o'clock. Alexander Boulton must report to Okinawa in early May. Because of the limited time, Ministry and Counsel appointed as Committee on Clearness Mary Jane Carpenter and Libby Butterworth and Paul Cullen and Jim Carpenter. Libby and Jim reported on their meetings with Hannah and Alexander and recommended the marriage be allowed. The Meeting approved. The couple asked that Moses and Mabel Bailey and Paul and Elsa Cullen be appointed as Committee of Oversight. The Meeting approved. Ralph Williams indicated there would be a reception following the wedding at the Meeting House, outside if weather permits. All members of the Meeting are urged to attend the wedding.

3. Alexander Boulton and Hannah Williams requested transfer from junior membership to full membership. The Meeting approved. In view of the pressure of time, the overseers of the wedding will welcome them to the Meeting.

4. The Clerk reported on the dialogue held March 30 at the Noels'. Martha Klitgaard and Austin Wattles will lead the dialogue. The second session will be held April 13 at the Reiks'. Marjorie Baechler and Austin Wattles will lead the dialogue. The discussion will center on the topic of First Day School.

5. Ralph Williams has served for the past 11 years on the Connecticut Council of Churches Committee on Migrant Workers. Because he will be away next year, he has asked the Meeting to replace him on the committee. The matter was referred to the nominating committee, with interested Friends urged to volunteer. The Meeting thanked Ralph for his long and faithful representation on this committee.

6. Tom Bodine gave the report of the Finance Committee:

   a. The Committee recommended that the Meeting establish on its books an item called "Memorial Funds", to which donations or bequests could be made. The principal in general would be maintained, but in cases of need the Meeting might draw on the principal. The Meeting approved.

b. The Committee recommended that the income from the Clifford Fund be added to the principal of the Clifford Fund. The Meeting approved.

c. It was recommended that the income from the Maplewood properties be added to the reserve for major repairs to the Maplewood properties. The Meeting approved.

d. It was recommended that the income from the balance of the Meeting's invested funds be added to the sharing fund. The Meeting approved.

7. The China Camp Committee has requested an interest-free loan of up to $7500 from the Hartford Monthly Meeting to be repaid within 3 years as the pledges for the China Camp Building Fund are received. The Meeting approved.

8. Jim Carpenter recommended that the Meeting acquire a reconditioned Bell and Howell projector for $200. The Meeting approved.

9. The Finance Committee recommended increasing the rates for the use of the building by outside groups: the use of the whole building from $25 to $30, the use of the downstairs and kitchen from $16 to $20, the use of the library only from $5 to $10, and the use of the Meeting room alone from $10 to $15. The Meeting approved.

10. Leon Yager sent a clipping telling of a donation of $100 by the Memorial Baptist Church to the Hartford Tax Collector for services rendered, such as fire and police protection and refuse collection. Should our Meeting also be searching our conscience on the justice of our tax exempt status? The matter was referred to the finance committee.

11. Craig Diderick of the Capital Area Action Movement (CAAM) told of an anti-Vietnam Rally to be held on April 26 in Bushnell Park at 11 A.M., sponsored by CAAM and the Hartford area AFSC. Arthur and Catherine Melville and Russell Johnson will be speakers. There

is a need for overseers for the Rally. Those interested could contact Steve Hedger at the CAAM office, 106 Ward Street, Tel. 278-2897. The Meeting agreed to finance the cost of a person to come from New York to train overseers.

12. CAAM is a local movement with various committees to concentrate on issues such as draft counseling and racism in local schools.

13. The AFSC will be sending out a mailing on the Anti-Ballistic Missiles System and requested help in stuffing envelopes on Sunday from 11 to 12 and after fellowship luncheon.

14. The funds of the local AFSC run out in May, and it is felt the office canot continue unless individuals come forward to serve as chairmen of sub-committees on Peace Education, Draft Referral and Speakers Bureau.

15. Kiki Wolf gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns. The Committee has been asked to plan a day for Young Friends at Yearly Meeting to introduce them to urban problems. It is hoped groups will visit Waterbury, New Haven, and Hartford and then share their impressions at a joint meeting.

16. Quarterly Meeting will be held in Middletown on May 3 and 4. Meeting for Worship will be at 10 at the College of Letters Lounge followed by Meeting for Business. Merritt Hallowell and Ted Paullin will serve as representatives from Hartford.

17. Helen Brill told of a Religious Education Conference on "Education for Peace in a Hostile World" to be held Saturday, April 12 in Wellesley, Mass. Anne Marie Miller will be on the program and 4 members of our meeting will attend.

25 members were in attendance.

Robert M Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

HARTFORD FRIENDS' MEETING FOR BUSINESS

Thursday, May 8, 1969

The May business meeting of Hartford Monthly Meeting opened at 7:45 P.M., May 8, 1969, with silence and reading of part of the seventh query. Donna Frey was welcomed as a visitor.

1. Report of Ministry and Counsel was given by Robert Brill.

   1a. The transfer of Elizabeth Thatcher Brooks from Green Street Meeting in Philadelphia was warmly accepted. Alice Cheney and Helen and Robert Brill volunteered to welcome Betty Brooks into Hartford Meeting. The Welcoming Committee will talk with Betty about the possibility of the children joining the meeting.

   1b. Lisa Shaffer Anderson has joined the Church of the Covenant in Cleveland, and Hartford Meeting releases her from membership.

2. The marriage of Alec Boulton and Hannah Williams took place on Saturday, April 26, 1969, at the meeting house. Ralph Williams expressed appreciation for the meeting's help in putting on the wedding on short notice.

3. The American Friends Service Committee report was given by Ruth Lilienthal. AFSC has received $800, enough to tide it over until the fall. The name of this office has been changed to the Hartford Area Program. A well-organized fund-raising drive will be held in the fall. Efforts will be coordinated with Cambridge and national AFSC. The office sent out 10,000 letters on the Anti-ballistic Missile System, and received $900 in contributions. Tom Bodine and Don Noel plan to see Congressman Daddario on the ABM. Draft counseling is now referred to the Capital Area Action Movement.

4. The treasurer's report was given by Henry Baechler. Contributions received so far this year total $2,536.94, which is 16% of the budget to be raised by individual contributions. 26 families have signified their intention to give over $4,600, which is 30% of the total to be raised by individual contributions. 25% of the membership have sent in intention slips.

   4a. A letter from the Connecticut Housing Investment Fund indicates a change in our investment.

5. John Hardiman agreed to coordinate and plan the Woolman Hill Weekend, to be held October 11-12, 1969.

6. A report on Quarterly Meeting, held at Middletown, May 3-4, was given by Theodore Paullin. A number of Hartford Friends were present. The meeting for worship seemed to center around "Youth and Religion." Appointment of representatives to Yearly Meeting are to be made this year from individual meetings as well as from Quarterly Meeting. The afternoon session led by Professor Edgar Beckham was on the subject of black studies.

7. Discussion followed among Hartford Friends on questions of integration-segregation. A Threshing Meeting for fuller discussion of these issues is set for Thursday, May 22, 1969, 7:30 P.M. at the meeting house. Notice for the meeting will be given by a phone campaign organized by Connie Way.

8. A picnic will be held at the meeting house on May 25 on the occasion of the Stamms' visit.

9. Yearly Meeting will be held at Taft School, June 23-28. Representatives from Hartford Meeting are Marion Jessel, Helen Brill, Ralph Williams, Dorothy Wheeler, Charles and Maria Allen.

   9a. The Equalization Fund of the Yearly Meeting is available for children, young adults, and adults. Amounts up to $21 will be given to individuals who apply. Friends are encouraged to use this fund if they need financial aid.

10. Report of the Nominating Committee was given by Cynthia Reik, the nominations to take effect June 1. Mary Jane Carpenter is appointed as member of the Nominating Committee for 3 years. Francis Helfrick is to be chairman of the Nominating Committee. Other changes were noted and will be reported in the Bulletin.

    10a. The name of the Sewing Committee is being changed to the Clothing Relief Committee.

11. Report on Greater Hartford Group Homes was given by Kiki Wolf. First she raised basic questions: How is the Martha Clifford Fund to be used? Is the capital to be used in toto or is the interest to be spent every year? Should the money remain invested with Connecticut Housing Investment Fund? What is the present status of the projected health services project, previously presented to the meeting?

    Greater Hartford Group Homes is a non-profit incorporated organization to provide group homes for youth, who are presently inadequately cared for. $30,000 is needed for capital for the first house. Maintenance costs would be paid by the Welfare Department.

    In response to the basic questions about the use of the Martha Clifford Fund, reference was made to a minute on this subject on October 10, 1968.

12. Peace and Social Concerns Committee report was made by Kiki Wolf. Announcements were made of a testimonial dinner in Hartford May 18 and a legislative seminar in Washington June 10-11.

13. Kiki Wolf reported that a meeting was held with Ed Hinshaw to plan visits of Young Friends to urban areas during Yearly Meeting.

14. First Day School report was given by Helen Brill. On Sunday, May 11, a group of 15 boys and girls from Salisbury Congregational Church are coming to meeting, and to meet with the older children under the leadership of Arthur Wolf and Bill Brayfield.

15. A travelling minute will be given to the Paullins for travel in Europe this summer.

16. Fellowship Lunch will be held on Sunday, May 11. Extra casseroles will be brought for our visitors.

17. Report of the Memorial Committee was given by Fritz Semmler. A new version of the memorial pamphlet was read and will be printed soon. Forms for donation of eyes to the Eye Bank and bodies to medical schools are available from members of the Memorial Committee.

The meeting for business closed with silence.

Robert M Brill
Respectfully submitted Robert Brill-
Clerk
Joan Wattles
Joan Wattles, Acting Recording
Clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of Business Meeting - June 12, 1969

1. During a time of silence parts of the 3rd, 4th, and 7th queries were read.

2. Ted Paullin gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.

    a. Letters have been received from Frank Hohmeister and Kenneth Brooks asking for membership in our Meeting; committees have been appointed to visit them.

    b. Bill and Clotean Brayfield have adopted a 13 month old interracial child; Robert and Helen Brill have called on them and presented a book from the Meeting.

    c. The following memorial minute was adopted. A copy will be sent to Marguerite Crespi Marsh's son John. "Life ended on May 4, 1969 for Marguerite Crespi Marsh after 82 years, in which the keynote came to be the welfare of children wherever opportunity for service to them arose, according to the circumstances of her own family. She was an inspiring teacher and a thoroughly trained librarian. When her husband, Harry W. Marsh, established a Personnel Department for the State of Connecticut, she came into the Hartford area. She had become a member of the Religious Society of Friends as a young woman and joined the Hartford Meeting at about the time it moved into this meeting house, where she was soon a leader in setting up the library. She also was one to bring out the monthly bulletin as long as she lived in this area. She continued to do this even after she moved to Weston, Connecticut, and she continued to attend meeting until driving became burdensome. In later years she attended Wilton Meeting, and when this became difficult, her nearby Congregational Church served her---though she retained her membership in Hartford to the end. She assisted the Cherry Lawn School with its library until she became infirm. She will continue to be a strong influence for good in the lives of all who knew her."

    d. Letters of good wishes from the Meeting are being sent by Marjorie Baechler to all young people who are graduating this month from schools and colleges. The Meeting approved sending 9 month subscriptions to the Friends Journal for all ~~those~~ freshmen at college this fall.

e. The Meeting received an invitation to the wedding of Allen Hale Brainerd and Grace Mildred Stebbins on Saturday, June 14 at eleven o'clock at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Springfield. Sally Morrison will be among those attending and offered to take others.

f. Hall and Marion Cushman and their three children, members of Chestnut Hill Meeting will be moving to Wethersfield soon where Hall will be principal of an elementary school. The Baechlers and Knuttels will welcome the family to the area.

g. We shall be losing George and Charlene Shepard and their children from this area, as they move this month to Maine.

h. The question was raised as to notice in Friends' publications of deaths, births, and other events. Ministry and Counsel felt this should be left to the individual family. Ministry and Counsel was asked to reconsider.

3. Helen Brill reported on the visit to welcome Betty Brooks to membership.

4. A welcome was extended to Ted Lowenberg, a member of Storrs Meeting who is working with the Hartford Area Program of the AFSC.

5. Jim Carpenter reported on the vandalism to the Meeting House last Sunday. It will cost about $500 (all but $100 covered by insurance) to clean up the mess. The Meeting approved extending the fence.

6. Tom Bodine reported for the Finance Committee. The phone company has begun adding federal tax to the phone bill on orders of Internal Revenue Service. We will not pay the tax until the Meeting has had an opportunity to decide what action to take.

7. The Meeting reconsidered the use of the Clifford Fund.

   a. Three alternatives were mentioned: 1. leave the funds with Connecticut Housing Investment Fund (CHIF), 2. invest in a neighborhood health center (proposal presented by Charles

Parton), or 3. invest in Greater Hartford Group Homes (proposal presented by Kiki Wolf.)

b. The Meeting approved the allocation of the remaining Clifford bequest to the Greater Hartford Group Homes. Members of the Meeting stand ready to be of service when called on by the Board and Staff of the Group Homes.

c. A committee of Tom Bodine, Pat Ritter, and Brad Noel was empowered to work out financial arrangements with the Board of Greater Hartford Group Homes and report back to the Meeting in September on the action taken.

8. Friends were reminded of Yearly Meeting in Watertown June 25-28.

9. A message from Margaret Morrison urged Friends to be careful to return library books to the library table, for some have been found among books collected for a book sale.

10. Ralph Williams will be leaving August 9 for 13 months in Kenya and requested a traveling minute. The Meeting approved.

11. Tom Bodine asked the First Day School Committee to consider the possibility of having children in for the last 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship rather than the first 15 minutes.

12. Ted Lowenberg asked the Meeting to consider initiating a legal defense fund for C.O.s. This matter will be brought to our September meeting.

21 members were in attendance.

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

September 11, 1969

1. During an opening period of silence the Clerk read from the First Query.

2. The Clerk extended greetings to visitors.

3. Marjorie Baechler, new clerk of Ministry and Counsel, gave the report of the Committee.

   a. Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership Frank Hohmeister. Meeting approved. Jeanne Clepper and Henry Baechler will visit.

b. Kenneth Brooks was recommended for membership. The Meeting approved. Libby Butterworth will write Kenneth, who is now at Oberlin.

c. The Meeting has received a request for membership from Donna Frey. Alice Cheney and Marjorie Baechler will call on Donna.

d. Committee members agreed to remind families concerned about sending personal notices to Quaker Life and Friends Journal.

e. Kirby and Laura Judd have adopted a 13-month-old inter-racial boy, Lawrence Charles Judd, born April 19, 1968.

f. Eric Swing Greene, son of Gerald and Elizabeth Greene and Amanda Duke-Wolley of Great Britain, were married in London on July 19, 1969. Michele Greene, Eric's sister, was also married in July to Robert Herman of Riverdale, New York.

4. Henry Baechler gave the financial report.

a. Contributions so far in the year are $5,735.54 of a yearly anticipated income of $15,230. Contributions are lagging by $3,425. Friends are urged to make their contributions before the end of December.

b. The amount of federal tax we have withheld from paying on our telephone bill from March 1969 through August is $13.89. This tax was specifically levied to help pay for the Vietnam war. Jim Reik found that the penalty for non-payment of this tax is 25% of the tax due plus 6%. The Meeting approved continuing to withhold payment of this tax and to send to the telephone company each month a letter explaining our non-payment as a protest against the Vietnam war.

5. Helen Brill gave the report for the First Day School.

a. There will be 4 classes this year with classes beginning next Sunday.
   (1) Dorothy Warrington will teach the nursery and 1st grades.
   (2) Barbara Fritzen will take the 2nd-4th grade group.
   (3) Dorothy Meshenuk will teach the 5th and 6th grade girls.
   (4) Bill Brayfield will take the older boys.

b. The Young Friends will be encouraged to attend Meeting on Sunday with evening meetings of their own. The Adult Discussion Committee is encouraged to inform the young Friends of their programs and welcome attendance.

6. Paul Butterworth told of New Horizons and their property on which they are soon to make the final mortgage payment. Joan Herman, a former member of our Meeting, is an active founder of New Horizons. The Meeting approved Paul Butterworth's collecting $100 to be given in the name of the Meeting toward the final mortgage payment. There will be a mortgage burning on Sunday, October 5, 1969.

7. John Hardiman told of plans for Woolman Hill weekend, October 10-12. Friends are urged to make reservations before September 21st.

8. Patricia Ritter reported on Greater Hartford Group Homes. She has agreed to be the Meeting representative on the Executive Board of the organization.

The Meeting gave $20,000 toward the purchase of a home with the understanding that if the purpose changes the money will return to the Meeting.

A house at 245 Collins Street, Hartford, has been purchased and Giorgio and Peggy Pinton have been hired to staff the home. It is hoped the home will be ready by October 1st to take the first of up to 9 boys from 14 to 16 years old.

9. Friends reported on summer Friendly activities.

   a. Many members attended Yearly Meeting and shared the highlights of the meetings with us.

   b. Florence Carpenter and Merritt Hallowell attended Friends General Conference.

   c. China Camp had their new building in use this summer with many Hartford young people attending.

   d. Henry Baechler told of a sensitivity session he attended at Powell House.

   e. Ted Paullin told of taking their traveling minute to Meetings in Europe.

10. Ellen Paullin gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

11. Lewis Waddilove will be in Hartford October 3 for a noon and evening meeting.

12. The Meeting approved holding the February Quarterly Meeting in Hartford.

13. After a few moments of silence the Meeting adjourned. 22 members were in attendance.

Robert M Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

October 9, 1969

1. Meeting for Business began at 7:45 with a period of silence during which the Second Query was read.

2. The nursery school sign is now spelled correctly.

3. Joan Wattles told of a press conference held at the Meeting House, sponsored by the AFSC, for Richard and Carol Morse who, having spent three months in Vietnam with the Quaker Team, are now refusing to pay their income tax.

4. Report of Ministry and Counsel:

a. Donna Frey's membership application was approved. Elsa Cullen and Joan and Austin Wattles will visit Donna to welcome her.

b. Heather Allen, upon the request of her parents, will be recorded as a junior member and a letter will be sent to Heather personally.

c. Leon Yager's transfer of affiliate membership to Hanover, New Hampshire was approved.

d. Robert Kearney, faithful and beloved Custodian of our Meeting House for many years, will retire from the Hartford School System in December to take a new position at Watkinson School. Next week Bob and Viola will fly to Phoenix, Arizona for a vacation. On behalf of the Meeting, Robert Brill presented Bob and Vi with luggage for their trip.

5. Treasurer's Report:

a. Individual contributions to October 6: $7,575.94; Use: $750; Lobby Box: $64.60

b. A letter from Greater Hartford Group Homes thanks the Meeting for its help in securing the first house and welcomes Patricia Ritter as our Meeting liaison person.

c. A letter from Roy Stewart of New Horizons thanks us for our contribution for their mortgage burning campaign. Contributions toward the New Horizons project may be mailed to Paul Butterworth, who has advanced $100 which was contributed in the name of the Meeting.

6. Management Committee:

a. Jim Carpenter reported that the gravestones in front of the Meeting House have again been vandalized. Contact with the Juvenile Division of the West Hartford Police Department indicates that young people congregate on the lawn after closing time at Friendly's. Permission by the town has been given for us to remove the stones altogether since there are no remaining relatives of those buried. Previous minutes record the desire of the Meeting to have this done.

It was laid on the Meeting to consider at some future time, the possibility of landscaping the front lawn as a park, with stone benches, thus making the area usable for the neighborhood, and for meditation.

There was concern expressed for using the Meeting House to work with, rather than against, the young people involved. The Y is already exploring the idea of a Coffee House which Friends might join in supporting. Ben Wojan and Austin Wattles offered to be of help.

b. The steps have been repaired, although it was pointed out that once steps have eroded, it is difficult ever to get a lasting patch. It may become necessary to have flagstone tops.

7. Ellen and Ted Paullin and Marge and Henry Baechler will represent the Meeting at Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby October 19th.

8. Peace and Social Concerns:

Ellen Paullin, Chairman, explained the background of concern over the shooting of Dennis Jones, a sixteen-year-old Hartford resident, by a West Hartford policeman. Bice Clemow, Editor of the West Hartford News, shared with the Committee his concern and involvement in bringing a suit against the town of West Hartford for failure to make public the guidelines for police use of arms.

Lengthy discussion followed during which it was suggested that the Chief of Police be invited to meet with Friends, but lack of clarification as to the purpose of such a meeting and lack of consensus of what direction the Meeting should take on this issue resulted in no decision.

A letter drafted by Peace and Social Concerns to the West Hartford News in support of an editorial calling for a review of guidelines for the use of weapons in order to avoid a repeat of such a tragedy was approved.

9. Joan Wattles proposed that a Halloween party be held for the "Meeting Family" on Saturday evening, November 1st. She hoped that Young Friends would be closely involved in the planning. The suggestion was warmly received.

10. Ruth Lilienthal suggested that cakes and cookies be sent to prisoners serving time as Conscientious Objectors, in the way that fruitcakes are being sent to servicemen in Vietnam. A question was raised as to whether prisoners may receive packages while in prison. Another suggestion was made that Friends make fruitcakes to be sent to Quaker workers in Vietnam. These suggestions will be made in the Bulletin and a further report made at next Monthly Meeting.

11. A request has been made for the use of the Meeting House for Yoga classes once a week in the afternoon. A sharing fee will be asked. The request was approved.

12. The Meeting concluded with a period of silence.

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Kiki Wolf
Kiki Wolf, Acting Recording Clerk

November 13, 1969

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence during which the Clerk read the Third Query.

2. Report of Ministry and Counsel:

   a. A letter from Santa Cruz Meeting requested the transfer of membership of Virginia Hedges from Santa Cruz Meeting to Hartford Meeting. Friends approved. Libby Butterworth and another member of the Meeting will call.

   b. The Yearly Meeting Discipline states that Young Friends who reach the age of 25 with no request for full membership are removed from membership rolls. The Meeting approved having the Recorder notify young people who have not asked for full membership at age 25 that they are no longer listed as members.

c. Robin Shepard (daughter of George and Charlene Shepard) and Andrew Cantrell have requested marriage under the care of the Meeting. Ministry and Counsel recommends that the Meeting proceed with arrangements by appointing a Clearness Committee. The Meeting approved appointing Pat Ritter, Gerda Conant, Jim Carpenter, and Don Warrington as the Clearness Committee.

3. Francis Holmes (member of Mt. Toby Meeting) reported on Project Equality - hiring employees without regard to race or religion and dealing with companies who do. The Meeting reaffirmed its support and membership of Connecticut Project Equality. We heartily approve Francis Holmes's approaching New England Yearly Meeting to urge that it encourage the joining of Connecticut and Massachusetts Projects Equality.

4. The Treasurer's report was given by Marjorie Baechler.

   a. The Finance Committee will send a reminder to each family showing how much each has contributed so far in 1969.

   b. As of November 10, $9,046.44 had been received toward a budget of $15,200.

   c. The Meeting expressed its thanks to Elsa Cullen for her part in making new curtains and in having the Meeting room painted.

5. A report on Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby on October 18th was given by Ted and Ellen Paullin and Marjorie Baechler.

6. Friends commented on the successful Meeting Halloween Party. Thanks were expressed to Joan Wattles and Cathy Brown for their planning.

7. Report of Peace and Social Concerns:

   a. Ruth Lilienthal made a request for food packages to be sent to C.O. prisoners at Danbury Prison. It was hoped these would be large enough that C.O.'s could share them with other prisoners. Packages will be packed and wrapped on December 14th.

   b. The Meeting approved sending the following letter to each of the seven C.O.'s at Danbury Prison:

Dear Friends:

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends, having been informed that there are at present nine persons confined at Danbury because of conscientious objection to war, are united in concern for you. We understand that it may be possible for some of us to join with you there in a meeting for worship after the manner of Friends. If some or all of you who are Conscientious Objectors would appreciate such an opportunity for worship, will you please suggest what times are appropriate?

You know, we trust, that our united concern is for you. If our suggestion is for any reason unsuitable or embarrassing, we hope that you will tell us.

For the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

Clerk

c. It was suggested that Bernard Lafayette, a black student who attended the AFSC Diplomats Conference in August in Switzerland with the Paullins, come to Hartford in mid-winter for adult discussion, lunch, and afternoon meetings. The Meeting approved.

d. The Meeting approved offering the use of our Meeting facilities to our neighbors, the Jehovah's Witnesses.

8. Pat Ritter reported on the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children begun in 1966. 12 orphans were brought to the U.S. and are now with families here. Some medical help was given to children in Vietnam, but was suddenly stopped by the South Vietnam Government. The committee is now laying the Meeting down. The remaining funds will be sent to AFSC for their work in Vietnam.

9. The Hartford Meeting has a balance of about $600 for Asian children. The Meeting approved sending this amount to the Knuttel family who have adopted two Asian children.

10. Pat Ritter reported on a new Quaker program, Partnership for Productivity, to provide long-term low interest loans to African businessmen in Kenya.

11. Greater Hartford Group Homes' residence, Clifford House, will soon open to its first boys. There will be a tea November 23rd from 2 to 4:30 at 245 Collins Street. Friends are invited.

12. Raleigh and Pat Bailey have agreed to advise the Young Friends. The group, grades 9-12, will meet this Sunday evening. 29 young people are members.

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

December 11, 1969

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence during which the Third Query was read by Francis Helfrick, presiding Clerk.

2. Paul Butterworth suggested that Business Meeting include regular reports from AFSC and Clifford House.

3. Marjorie Baechler gave the report of Ministry and Counsel:

   a. Concern was expressed for the on-going problems of First Day School and the fact that the size of the Meeting makes it somewhat difficult to know other members intimately. The Clerk will ask the First Day School director to meet with Ministry and Counsel early in the new year.

   b. Katherine Locke reported on a proposal for West Hartford churches to have an emergency answering service, FISH, with volunteers ready to go out to help families in need. The Meeting asked that a member sit unofficially on the steering committee of FISH and report back to Meeting at a later date. Connie Way will attend.

4. The Committee for Clearness for the marriage of Robin Shepard and Andy Cantrell

reported they have no reservations on the suitability of the marriage. The couple will be married on January 24th. Joan and Wilson Hawkes and Charles and Jacqueline Parton were appointed Committee of Oversight.

5. Ellen Paullin gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns:
   a. Plans for a December Moratorium were announced.
   b. The Meeting discussed the proposal of living on a welfare food budget of 27¢ per person per day.
   c. Cynthia Green suggested the Rev. Gilberto Vargas, assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, come to speak after a Fellowship Luncheon on the problems of welfare.
   d. Russell Johnson will be here for January 11 adult discussion and fellowship luncheon followed by a public meeting in the afternoon on his trip to Cuba.
   e. Ellen reported on a visit to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses to offer them the use of our building.
   f. The federal prison cannot allow gifts from other than family. It was therefore decided that we would contribute food and money to the grape boycott workers here in Hartford.

6. Treasurer's Report: 94 families have contributed $12,900, leaving $2,300 remaining to meet the budget.

7. Alice Cheney presented the offer of the Friends General Conference Committee to come to Hartford April 10th and 11th. The Meeting deferred to Cambridge Meeting which has offered hospitality.

8. Plans for Christmas were announced. December 21 will be the family program. Young Friends will be asked to participate in adult discussion on December 28. The Meeting will write notes to the young people home from school to invite them to these activities and to the Blood Donor Sunday on December 21st.

9. Cynthia Green presented a concern that the arrangements of the benches in the Meeting is unfriendly. The concern will be referred to the ushering committee. She also expressed the desire of Friends to get together to discuss problems and possible involvement of Meeting members. All are welcome to attend a meeting on December 14 at 7:30 at her apartment, 197 Collins Street.

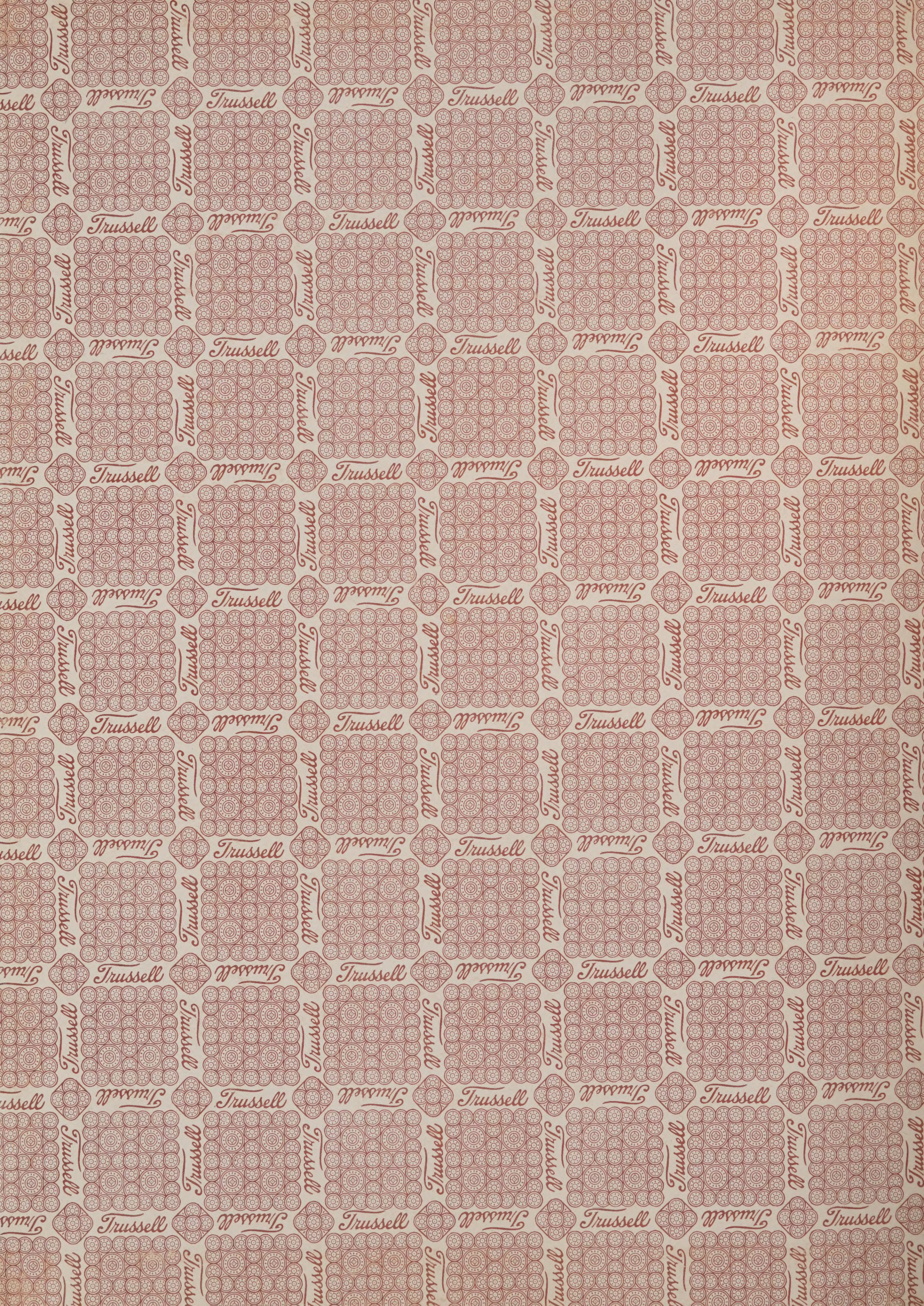
10. Kiki Wolf reported on the opening of Clifford House. Friends are welcome to call the Giorgio Pintons and visit and are encouraged to invite the boys to family events.

11. Jim Carpenter reported on a proposal for lighting the outside entrance. The Meeting approved a proposal for HELCO to install and maintain a light. The cost will be $50 a year.

The Meeting was attended by 24 members.

Francis Helfrick
Francis Helfrick, Presiding Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk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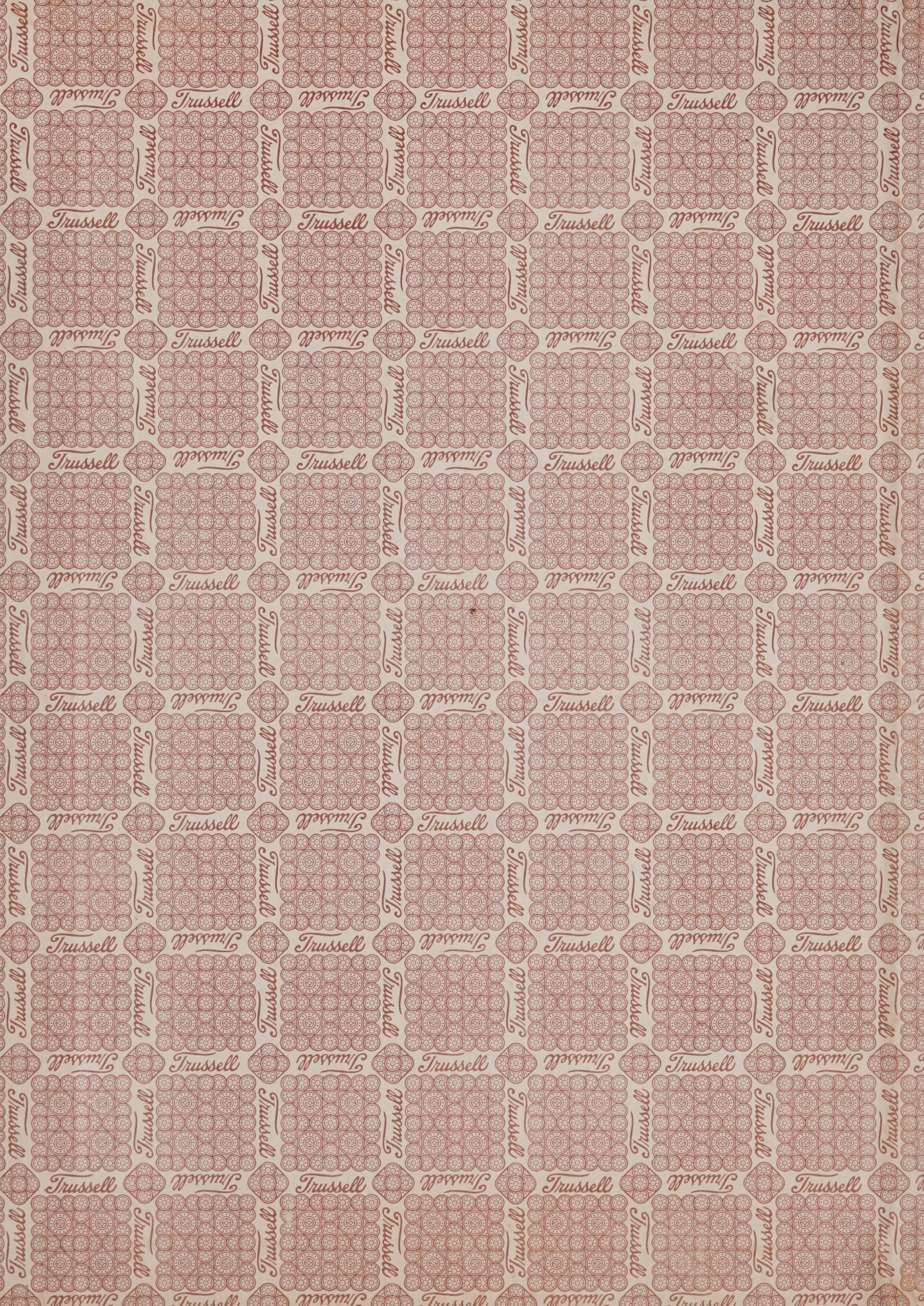
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